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Christmas

It is five years since we have kept Christmas Day amidst the settings of a nation at peace. Do we appreciate the full significance of this?

In past years we have drawn parallels between the inability of the Holy Family to find room in the inn, and the crowding out of individual lives through selfishness, revelry, feasting and drinking. To-day we face an even more serious exclusion. If man persists in the old paths of self-interest, greed, and flag-waving nationalism, he can succeed in crowding out the Prince of Peace from vast regions of the earth. For if atomic power, wrongfully used, decides the destiny of men, what room is there for the leadership of Jesus of Nazareth?

The ingenuity of statesmen or the intricacies of international pacts and machinery can not control the world of the future. Only Christ can control it. Hence we keep His birthday this year, that His spirit may drive from our hearts all that prevents us from contributing to "One World" over which He is to reign. It is something like this

that should be uppermost in our minds as we kneel to receive our Christmas communion.

Union Now

Much as we can rejoice over this or that feature of the United Nations Organization, thinking people, and particularly Christian thinking people, to-day feel very strongly that this is not enough. There must be a United States of the World, functioning as has the United States of America.

Unfortunately, some things have been said that sound as if what was done last spring at San Francisco was mere futility. This is not true. A beginning was made. The danger, however, is that we will be satisfied with a mere beginning. The United Nations Organization must ripen and must ripen fast if the world is to be saved. The time is short, and it is the task of every Christian to submerge national sovereignty into a concrete world organization, the brotherhood of man in action.

A New Baby

The news that a committee appointed at the fall meeting of the Convocation of Asheville, to investigate the possibility of introducing the Church Congress into our diocese, has made some plans that are a little better than tentative, is good news indeed.

For the Church Congress differs from most other bodies within the Church in that its function is not to promote anything save an exchange of minds and better understanding. It embraces all schools of thought within the Church, and enables them to work together, because they have come to better understand one another. Here in Western North Carolina, where we are of different heights and chest-measures as to Churchmanship, the Congress would be indeed valuable.

Even if, however, we were as much

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Our Religious Background

By Father Sill

In its doctrine, discipline, and worship (See p. VI, Preface to the P.B.) our diocese of Western North Carolina is a descendant of the old Church of England. As we review our history, we know that the American Revolution of 1776 was the occasion of the founding of our government of the United States. It was also the occasion of the forming of an American Church on the foundation of the English Church of the previous Colonial Period in America. The same congregations, Church buildings, ministry, sacraments and scriptures continued after the Revolution as before. We needed to send certain priests across the ocean to be made bishops in Scotland and England, that we might have a complete ministry. The English Church not having provided resident bishops for us in the Colonial Period, our candidates for the ministry needed to go to England for ordination. English priests also had been sent over as rectors of parishes and missionaries. Then we needed also an American Book of Common Prayer and to form our National and Diocesan Church organizations, usually named conventions. We had been an Established Church in North Carolina, as in Virginia and South Carolina, in Colonial days, that is the Church of the Colony, supported partly by taxes with ministers licensed by the crown governor of the state. Freedom of religious denominations had been, however, partially granted before the Revolution.

The eighteenth century saw large numbers emigrating into North Carolina. They came chiefly from Pennsylvania, following up the valleys of Virginia and seeking outlets through the mountain passes of the Alleghanies and Blue Ridge into the wide and open lands beyond. It was the age of the pioneers. Many continued on into North Carolina, one stream settling in the lower Piedmont country, as we speak of it

now, and another entering into the Watauga country, the name of the well known river of Ashe County. They had all come within a few years from the old countries of Ireland, Scotland, England and the lowlands of Germany. The prevailing nationality of those entering through the mountain valleys is generally spoken of as Scotch-Irish. They were Scotch who had settled in the north of Ireland and because of oppressions both of a political and ecclesiastic nature by the English crown emigrated to a land where they could have more civil and religious freedom. In the trek south in this land they were joined chiefly by English and German folk who had settled in Pennsylvania. The story of the settlement of our mountain country is most interesting. It has been attractively written by Horace Kephart in "Southern Highlanders" and by Margaret Morley in "Carolina Mountains". Those who wish more scientific accounts should consult Campbell's "The Southern Highlanders", or Samuel Ashe's "History of North Carolina". The story of the German settlements in what are now Catawba, Lincoln and adjoining counties is also interesting.

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A NEW BABY

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interests are conventions, elections, and raising funds. We need to know one another better. And, there is no surer way to do that, than to take part in discussions on matters upon which we think that we differ.

of one mind as Southern Virginia or Fond du Lac are said to be, the Church Congress would be needed. For diocesan life inevitably stagnates if its sole

Young Churchmen

REDEEMER YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD CARNIVAL

The Young People's Fellowship of the Church of the Redeemer, Asheville, sponsored a Hallowe'en Carnival on November 1st. This, which was the second annual Carnival of the young people, was even more successful than the previous one. Opening with a half hour of hymn singing, the crowd which attended went on to enjoy "The Wishing Well", "The Museum", a fortune teller, "The Horror House", as well as bingo, cake-walks, and refreshments of various kinds.

The Young People, who made a profit of more than fifty dollars on the carnival, are using the proceeds to buy cassock material for the Acolytes.

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETS

The Youth Commission of the Diocese held its fall meeting on Friday, November 23, at the Church of the Redeemer, Asheville, with ten members present. Among the items discussed were the Diocesan Youth Camp. It was decided to hold the 1946 Camp at Patterson School the week beginning June 10. The Rev. Charles Leavell and the Rev. Mark Jenkins were re-elected Director and Vice-Director respectively.

Miss Helen Thomas, President of the Young Churchmen, was commended for her work during the summer and fall, and particularly for her work with the organization of a youth group at Bessemer City.

It was decided to publish another Youth Issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN in May, just prior to the annual camp.

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THE MEN'S CLUB OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, HENDERSONVILLE

By W. C. Frue

Sometime this winter, it is expected that clergy and laymen from our Diocese will meet to undertake the organization of the Church Congress in Western North Carolina. The purpose of the Congress is to bring together every point of view in frank and open discussion, that by study and thought the Christian faith may become a living thing.

The Men's Club of St. James' Church, Hendersonville, seems to be, on a parish scale, a small "Congress", and perhaps can point the way to better understanding of the importance of a Diocesan Congress.

Ten years ago, Professor T. W. Valentine of the local High School faculty, now of revered memory by those who knew him in St. James' Parish, wrote two paragraphs about the Men's Club. I regret that limitations of space prevent me from quoting him in full, for the whole article is informative and inspiring. However, I shall quote some salient portions of it:

"The Men's Club of St. James' Church is a group of men, meeting in harmony, without constitution, without by-laws, without formal organization, without any voting list, and without dues. All men connected with the parish are regarded as members, if they choose to avail themselves of that privilege. All men of good will in the community are welcomed as visitors.

"The Club meets once a month for the informal but serious discussion of vitally important questions . . . the expression of opinion is free and untrammelled. But a constant effort is made to work towards a Christian solution . . . They (the members) hold, with Plato, that 'the unexamined life is unlivable for human beings'. And they hope that the Club may make some small contribution to the healing of the most dangerous cleavage which threatens our national

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Women's Auxiliary News

Our Fall District Meetings were attended well and enthusiastically. All of the five districts voted to have a Spring Meeting in each district. The offerings taken at each District Communion Service, were put into a fund to defray expenses of delegates from the Fifth District to Training Conferences. These offerings were exceedingly generous, and we are grateful for the fine response.

District One—Calvary Church, Fletcher, Mrs. Mark Jenkins, Chairman. Sixty-two people present and \$26.00 for the Fund.

District Two—Holy Cross, Tryon, Miss Mary Wood Sumner, Chairman. Forty-five people present and \$30.00 for the Fund.

District Three—Ascension, Hickory, Mrs. Sam Yancey, Chairman. Fifty people present and \$26.00 for the Fund.

District Four—Redeemer, Shelby, Mrs. Mark Dickerson, Chairman. Forty-three people present and \$25.00 for the Fund.

District Five—Saint Luke's Lincoln, Mrs. H. H. Hannon, Chairman. Thirty people present and \$18.00 for the Fund.

Total for Delegates Fund, \$125.00.

District Five had one hundred percent attendance of all its branches!

The reports of the Diocesan Officers were most interesting and helpful and the addresses of our beloved President, Mrs. A. B. Stoney, and our dear Bishop were a help and inspiration to all of us. Our grateful thanks to our Bishop and the Reverend Mark Jenkins for the stirring addresses concerning the Reconstruction and Advance Fund.

The words of one of our militant hymns comes surging through our minds and hearts as we press toward the goal

of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund:

“O Sion Haste, Thy Mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light
That he who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish lost in shades of night.

Publish glad tidings: Tidings of Peace, Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and Release.”

THE MEN'S CLUB OF ST. JAMES'

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life, the cleavage between religion and intelligence.”

The Rev. J. P. Burke, the present rector, realizing the need for such an organization, called together the first and organizational meeting fifteen years ago. The Club is still “going strong”, with original character and purpose unchanged. As a rule one of the members reads one of the Church Congress papers or an article from the Anglican Theological Review and leads the discussion. The fellowship in the Club is inspiring and stimulating since it comes from an earnest working together toward Christian truth and a “Christian solution”.

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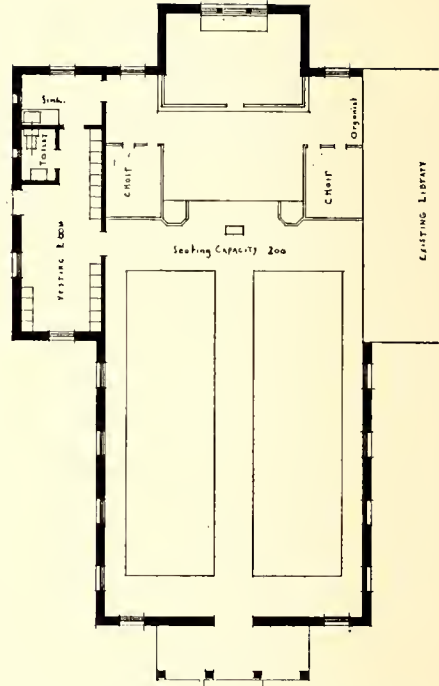
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PATTERSON SCHOOL PLANS MEMORIAL CHURCH

Patterson School started its thirty-fifth year this fall with sixty-one boys enrolling, and plans are under way for an extensive expansion program. In the general plan for expansion, one of the first buildings necessary is a larger school Church. Each year, as the student body has increased, seating capacity in the Gard Hall Chapel has become a greater problem. Church furnishings have been rearranged, more benches have been added, and kneeling space has been shortened until the larger boys either have to stand or sit during prayers. Every effort is being made to double our present study body of 60 as soon as buildings and equipment will permit.

It has been suggested by a number of friends and former students that a fitting memorial be placed on the campus to the ex-students and friends of the school who have given their lives during the war. The new Church and its furnishings will be such a memorial. Many boys from every branch of service have written in to testify to the value of their religious life which was developed in the school with the chapel as its center.

The proposed Church is to be built of native rock, and will be built at right angles to the back of the present Sarah Lenoir Library, which will form the right arm of the Cross, Mr. George F. Wiese, Superintendent, stated.



Floor plan of proposed Memorial Church at Patterson School

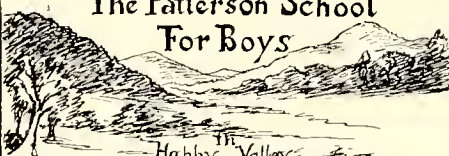
CHURCH SERVICES

LINCOLNTON: St. Luke's. Service every Sunday 11. Sunday School, 10. Communion, 1st Sunday, 11, 3rd, 8:30. St. Cyprians, Service every Sun. 7:30 P. M.

WOODSIDE: Our Savior, School, 2:15. Service 3 Every Sunday. Communion, 2nd Sunday, 10. Wednesday Bible Study, 7:30. Rev. Grant Folmsbee.

BLACK MOUNTAIN: St. James' Church, Rev. J. H. Rhys. Church School 10:15 A. M. Services 2nd and 4th Sunday at 7:30 A. M. Every Sunday at 11:15 A. M.

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Under the 14 years of Mrs. Cruikshank's leadership, the exceptionally high academic standards of the school have been maintained, the student enrollment has been at maximum capacity for the past nine years, and an extensive program of repairs and modernization of the buildings and equipment have been carried out.

TREASURER ASKS FOR APPORTIONMENT TO BE PAID

The fact that the year is closing means that the Diocesan apportionment of every church should be paid as soon as possible. Mr. William Redwood, Treasurer of the Diocese, reports that in most cases the parishes and missions of the Diocese have fulfilled their obligations, but stated also that he hoped all churches would finish their payments as near the end of the year as possible.

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The Church is trying to raise at least \$5,000,000 to rebuild missionary properties destroyed by the war, and to take advantage of new opportunities opened up by changed conditions. It is essential that each and every parish and mission in the Church do its part by making a careful canvass for this Fund in February, 1946, preceded by intensive preparation in January.

\$18,406.54 is the bare minimum for Western North Carolina to raise. For any considerable amount of the Fund to be used for real Advance work, we in the Episcopal Church ought to and must raise more than the total \$5,000,000. For a congregation to feel it has any share beyond mere Reconstruction, therefore, it will have to exceed its quota. How much your does so is left up to you and your relationship with God who has through and in His Son Jesus Christ charged every Christian with "The Great Commission".

Quota for Parishes and Missions, Diocese of Western North Carolina

| PARISH | QUOTA |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Asheville, Trinity | \$ 3,060.00 |
| Asheville, St. Mary's | 522.65 |
| Asheville, St. Matthias | 248.88 |
| Biltmore, All Souls | 1,700.00 |
| Brevard, St. Phillip's | 321.47 |
| Flat Rock, St. John's | 244.80 |
| Fletcher, Calvary | 684.20 |
| Gastonia, St. Mark's | 1,231.96 |
| Hendersonville, St. James | 1,088.50 |
| Hickory, Ascension | 414.80 |
| Lenoir, St. James | 808.60 |
| Lincolnton, St. Luke's | 497.60 |
| Marion, St. John's | 273.77 |
| Morganton, Grace | 1,555.50 |
| Rutherfordton, St. Francis | 1,061.89 |
| Tryon, Holy Cross | 1,338.10 |
| Waynesville, Grace | 228.14 |
| Wilkesboro, St. Paul's | 186.60 |

TOTAL FOR PARISHES ----- \$15,467.46

MISSIONS:

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| Arden, Christ Church | \$ 119.00 |
| Asheville, The Redeemer | 63.29 |
| Asheville, St. Luke's | 38.37 |
| Asheville, Trinity Chapel | 76.74 |
| Beaver Creek, St. Mary's | 33.18 |
| Bessemer City, St. Andrew's | 25.93 |
| Black Mountain, St. James | 259.25 |
| Blowing Rock, Stringfellow Memorial | 107.85 |
| Canton, St. Andrew's | 176.29 |
| Cullowhee, St. David's | 13.48 |
| Edneyville, St. Paul's | 36.07 |
| Burke County, St. Paul's | 25.93 |
| Franklin, St. Agnes | 155.50 |
| Franklin, St. Cyprian's | 27.63 |
| Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity | 25.93 |
| High Shoals, St. John's | 33.15 |
| Highlands, Incarnation | 259.50 |
| Hot Springs, St. John's | 17.00 |
| Legerwood, Chapel of Rest | 130.66 |
| Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's | 31.11 |
| Lincolnton, Woodside, Our Saviour | 32.15 |
| Little Switzerland, Resurrection | 51.85 |
| Morganton, St. Stephen's | 31.11 |
| Murphy, Messiah | 33.18 |
| Rutherfordton, St. Gabriel's | 31.11 |
| Saluda, Transfiguration | 138.27 |
| Shelby, The Redeemer | 45.63 |
| Sylva, St. John's | 13.48 |
| Todd, St. Matthew's | 13.48 |
| Valle Crucis, Holy Cross | 394.06 |
| Morganton, St. Mary's | 31.11 |
| Asheville, Grace | 41.48 |
| Bat Cave, Transfiguration | 130.66 |
| Boone, St. Luke's | 31.11 |
| Cashier's, Good Shepherd | 17.00 |
| Cherokee Mission | 17.63 |
| Edneyville, St. Peter's | 22.10 |
| Linville, All Saint's | 22.10 |
| Penland, Good Shepherd | 51.85 |
| Rutherfordton Missions | 13.48 |
| Upward, St. John the Baptist | 103.70 |
| Tryon, Good Shepherd | 21.78 |

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Lent 1946

Observance of Lent is colored by the times through which we are passing. Unless it gives us Spiritual strength to meet the tasks and forces that confront us, we have misused it. This does not mean that we should go to church to hear addresses regarding the U.N.O. and the atomic bomb. It does mean that our Lenten devotions should help us to realize that it is only the power of Christian forces that can build a new and better world.

All of us are confronted with tensions between what is to our personal or material advantage and what must come to pass if we are ever to have a world of peace and mutual good-will between nations. As events pass in quick successions or as we listen to or read of momentous proposals having to do with far-reaching consequences for human life on this planet, we must school ourselves to ask whether or not this is Christ's way. Sometimes we have to choose between the lesser of two evils. It is hard to make up our minds. Yet if this Lent we will allow our religion

to have really first place there is no limit to what God can do through us.

How much selfishness, prejudice, and self-interested thinking can be got rid of? Lent with its round of more frequent services and emphasis upon self-denial can greatly help us if we will permit it to do so.

R And A

Our Diocese has gone at this task with a minimum of mass-meetings, imported speakers, fanfare and publicity. We believe that by so acting we have subjected ourselves to a worthy test. For the accomplishment of anything must come from the will-to-do of local congregations. When a new Church or parish house is needed, a local congregation does not usually call in some high pressure speaker to tell the congregation of a need of which it is already conscious.

In the same fashion there is no reason why the local rector, wardens, vestrymen and other leaders in a parish can not present a world-wide need to their people. In many quarters we are told that the task can not be done in that fashion. Well, we of Western North Carolina are trying to do it that way and THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN believes that we shall succeed. If the diocesan quota is raised it will be a splendid tribute to our parishes and to the real leadership which our clergy are giving.

We hope that the bulk of the work has already been done. We plead with everyone not to let loose ends lie around. If you haven't already made your gift or pledge do it now.

Our Cover

We are indebted to the American Enka Corporation, and to Mr. H. C. Pfalzgraf, photographer, for the cover on this issue. THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN hopes to publish more pictures of the churches in our Diocese whenever possible. Send in a picture of *your* church.

What Lent Can Do For You

By the Rev. Isaac Northrup

One word in the English language, and especially in our American language, with which we want nothing at all to do is the word "driven." It represents just about everything that is opposed to our idea of a free and voluntary way of life. No man, of course, ever wants to admit that he has a prejudice ordinarily, but almost all of us would be glad to boast that we are prejudiced against that word "driven."

Well, how are you going to handle this verse from St. Mark, "And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness?" Are you going to say that Christ was Un-American and that he was not a free man?

You may choose to quote the Bible back in reply. You may say that perhaps the strongest passage in all New Testament scripture, outside of the words of our Lord himself, is contained in those verses of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians which begin, "For I am persuaded" Certainly that is a magnificent passage with all the strength of the Universe in it, and you may want to argue that if St. Paul could reach that point of faith through persuasion, you are satisfied to follow his example.

But consider St. Paul a little more carefully. Wasn't he the man who was smitten to the ground and blinded? Isn't he the saint of all saints that was never free from inner conflict, this force and that force almost tearing him asunder? Doesn't it make a lot of difference who is saying, "I am persuaded ?" In the mouth of a sentimentalist those words mean one kind of life; in the mouth of a man who has sweated it out they mean something entirely different. The serenity of the sentimentalist and the serenity of the man who has beaten his way through are two different states of the spirit altogether.

Our Lord was driven into the wilderness because that is the way He had to get there, since He was to become not a sentimentalist but a leader of men.

Compulsion No. 1:

If you care to keep a similar Lent this year, there are a few compulsions right at hand that are pressing in to drive you.

Recently, at the Convocation at Duke University of fifteen hundred clergymen, Mr. Henry R. Luce delivered a brilliant address in which he said this: "You may doubt that our contemporary Christianity has the ability to give us such an answer but I tell you that if Christianity cannot furnish the answer and the inspiration for the future of America at this critical historical point, then there is no answer. For there is no other potential source of inspiration in the reach of our people except Christianity that can possibly give us the spiritual leadership for which our hungry souls are seeking."

There is Compulsion No. 1. You were taught to pray at your mother's knee and you have heard many inspirational sermons that attempted to inspire you to pray. Here, however, are Mr. Luce's words that compel us to pray. Here are words that say that Christian inspiration we have got to have. Here is the first of the so-called Christian duties put not coaxingly but compellingly. Christians, pray this Lent; you have got to do it.

Compulsion No. 2:

That body of fifteen hundred clergymen was not a legislative body and very

reluctantly on the last day of its meetings it passed one single resolution. It did it because it was driven to do it. The men present individually brought such pressure to bear that the body had to do it. The resolution was this in so many words: Our President has asked that Europe be fed, even if it means the restoring of rationing in this country. We know that people, being what we are, don't want that. Therefore, be it resolved: that the ministers of Christ here present urge their congregations to create that public opinion which is necessary to uphold the President in the position which he has taken. During most of the Lents in your life, your fasting has been a picayune thing. The situation is different now and we have got to compel ourselves to do some real fasting and to persuade others to follow our example in compulsory sacrifice and inconvenience. The argument, of course, that we cannot feed the rest of the world is very familiar. However, it does not apply. We are not being asked to feed the rest of the world. We are being asked to realize that your particular dinner table is too loaded down with too much food and too much of it is being wasted which other people need in order to survive.

Compulsion No. 3:

At that same Convocation, Bishop Oxnam of the Methodist Church, this year head of the Federal Council of Churches, pointed out that never in the history of America has church membership been as proportionately high as it is now. It is much higher than it was, for example, in 1890 when we all imagine everybody as belonging to a church and being in a church every Sunday morning. If the Church is stronger now than it ever has been in this country, obviously we ought to behave as if it were and to raise our sights and have a program accordingly.

A part of that program of the Church has been put before us in the very specific terms of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund: \$8,800,000.00 for restoring destroyed churches, hospitals and schools, particularly in the Far East, and for Advance. You can readily consult your December, 1945, issue of *THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN* in order to find out your Church's share toward this Fund. Here in our diocese gifts have been made from twenty-five cents to one thousand dollars. There isn't a man, woman, or child among us who couldn't find a place in that big range for his own personal gift, provided he could get out from under his indifference and feel a little compulsion.

The great Compulsion: Good Friday:

Lent is going to reach its climax in Good Friday. For all our Lord's willingness to suffer and to die, the way the crucifixion happened was this: They nailed him to a cross. There is the interplay of willingness and compulsion. They need each other. In the life of each one of us they need each other.

Give Lent your heart's devotion, as is your custom. Observe the three notable Christian duties: prayer, fasting, and alms giving. Observe these again this year with your heart's devotion, but give them also your compulsion. Let them be our Christian "musts."

CHURCH COLLEGE 78 YEARS OLD
St. Augustine's College, Church-sponsored institution for Negroes, at Raleigh, is celebrating its 78th anniversary.

It was started as a "normal school and collegiate institute." It is now a fully accredited college, one of the oldest of such institutions in the South.

Lenten Observance In Our Western Missions

By the Rev. Rufus Morgan

In a Town and Country field (that is the designation used in the Church at present) scattered as widely as is this Southwest section of the Diocese, we must be modern in our observance of Lent. That is, we cannot carry on a series of two or three additional services each week in every congregation and expect a good attendance. Roads are long. And there are not enough days in the week.

Together, though, we try to keep the opportunities of Lent before us. A more faithful use of Forward Day by Day is urged. I venture the opinion that its use has been more helpful among scattered groups and individuals than anywhere else (in spite of the erroneous teaching last Septuagesima Sunday!). We would like for this to be supplemented by the publication in convenient form and reasonable expense of the new Lectionary in order to encourage systematic as well as regular reading of the Bible.

Where possible we use the current study material. This is done best by study groups, as elsewhere. In groups too scattered to come together the material is studied in families or by individuals and then passed on to others.

One of our congregations decided that beginning this Lent, in order to keep in touch with the whole life of the Church, they would subscribe to FORTH for each family connected with the congregation. Those subscriptions have been sent in.

During our first Lent in this field we had special services every Friday afternoon in one small congregation. After Easter we considered that program was behind us. Not so the congregation. The conversation ran something like this: "Why didn't we have service last Friday?" "Because Lent is over." "Is that any reason why we can't have the services?" "No; not if you want them."

So from that day forward we have had Friday afternoon services in that congregation of working people.

We still need the disciplines and the spiritual out-reach of Lent. The methods of observance must be as varied as the situations of the local groups and individuals. The one thing vital for all is that each one of us shall embrace the opportunity of walking in closer companionship with God through Christ.

MORGANTON CONVOCATION MEETS

The Convocation of Morganton met in Grace Church, Morganton, Sunday, January 27th, the Rev. B. M. Lackey, Dean, presiding. About seventy-five persons attended, from Marion, Hickory, Lenoir, Lincolnton, Shelby, Woodside, Wilkesboro, and Morganton. Following reports, moving pictures of mission work were shown until the projector bulb blew out.

After a box supper in the Parish House, the Diocesan Chairman of the Department of Promotion spoke briefly on the technique of the Every-Member-Canvass for the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. Dean Lackey then presented the Rev. James S. Cox, Rector of St. Paul's, Winston-Salem, who made a stirring appeal for support of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund.

The Convocation voted to hold the Church School Lenten Offering Presentation service in Grace Church Sunday, May 5th, and the hour was set by the Rector of Grace Church at 4:00 P. M. The invitation of Mr. George Wiese to hold the fall meeting of the Convocation at Patterson School was gratefully accepted. The Rev. B. M. Lackey, Rector of St. James', Lenoir, was re-elected Dean of the Convocation.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED CLERGYMEN MEET AT DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL

For three days this month, February 11-13, fifteen hundred clergymen were assembled at Duke University for a series of addresses by outstanding Christian leaders in America. Dean Branscomb of Duke Divinity School did yeoman's work in connection with this important events and the thanks of all the men went out to him and they all hoped that Duke would continue what it has begun.

The men were like people coming out of their cells. It was the first such meeting since the war and everyone greedily consumed all that was offered and enjoyed fully the opportunity to meet and to see each other again.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, lately President of Union Theological Seminary and also recently Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., gave a series of morning addresses on God's Word for Today.

Professor Werner, of Drew University in New Jersey, gave two afternoon addresses on Pastoral Counseling; that is to say, private consultation with individuals in parish life who come to their pastor in trouble. Professor Reinhold Niebuhr, well known author and theologian, gave an evening address on the contribution of Protestantism to American culture and the future of Protestantism in America.

Senator Fulbright, of Resolution fame, gave an address on the working together of Church and State. He took the place of Mr. John Foster Dulles, in London at the U.N.O.

Perhaps the outstanding address was that of Mr. Henry R. Luce, Editor of TIME-FORTUNE-LIFE. He is the son of a Chinese missionary, and is a very well informed Christian layman, who has recently become a Director of Union Theological Seminary.

There was a very inspiring noonday service with full choir in the massive University Chapel and Dr. Harold Cooke Phillips was the preacher.



GILMAN LEAVING DIOCESE

The Rev. Phillips S. Gilman has resigned as rector of St. Mark's Church, Gastonia, effective March 1st. After fifteen years in Gastonia, Mr. Gilman has accepted a call to become rector of Christ Church, Eastville, Va., and Hungar's Church, Bridgetown, both in the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Before coming to Western North Carolina, Mr. Gilman was rector of St. Paul's Church, Winston-Salem. Previously, he was rector of St. Ann's, Nashville, Tenn., and also was Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral, Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Gilman is nationally known for his excellent devotional manual "In God's Presence" which has been very widely used by Communicants of the Church.

In the Diocese, he has served as Chairman of the Department of Missions and Church Extension, Chairman of the Department of Promotion, and many other responsible positions.

As a tribute to the work of their rector and a mark of affection and gratitude, St. Mark's is presenting Mr. Gilman with a new automobile.

Dr. Wetmore At Lincolnton

As I have stated in a previous sketch in this review of our diocesan history it is about 100 years since the first organized work was begun in our diocese, and while we were still a part of the Diocese of North Carolina. St. Luke's, Lincolnton, was one of the first congregations to form a parish. After about 20 years, during which time several priests had charge, the parish called Rev. William R. Wetmore as rector. His pastorate continued for 42 years, the last nine of which were after the western part of the state, which included Lincolnton, became the Missionary Jurisdiction of Asheville. Dr. Wetmore is still remembered by some of us living today. He became rector of St. Luke's as a deacon in 1862, Civil War days, at age of 27, being made priest at St. Luke's that same year. He had studied law at the University of North Carolina, after graduating there and also receiving Master of Arts degree, and was admitted to the bar in 1858. Deciding, however, to enter the sacred ministry he studied at the General Theological Seminary in New York. He was born in Raleigh, his father, a Connecticut man, being at the time cashier of a bank there, and his mother of this state, being a sister of Judge Badger. He had married Miss Mary Bingham, of Mocksville, before going to Lincolnton, of which marriage three sons grew to manhood, one of whom, Thomas, became the founder of Christ School, Arden.

Dr. Wetmore is an example of the blessing that comes to a parish from a long pastorate, where there is an ever-continuing love for the flock of which one is an appointed shepherd, and a continual guidance of all, both young and old, from one generation to another, in the way of the Christian life. To these virtues of his ministry, Dr. Wetmore added a love for the town, the civic community of which his flock was a part. Dr. Wetmore's congregation at St. Luke's is spoken of by one who knew it well as of a democratic charac-

ter. Members of prominent families in the community and state belonged as also those who would be called poor, and those of the negro as well as of the white race. He appealed in his ministrations to all men. One who was a boy at St. Luke's during Dr. Wetmore's later years writes that he "has never known a congregation in which the culture of the educated and the rich friendliness of the rural and mill folks so co-mingled in a Christian fellowship", and "he literally fulfilled the injunction to visit the fatherless and widows and those sick and in prison; he was a regular visitor to the jail, and it is of common knowledge that many prisoners secured leniency thru his pleas."

(To be Continued in April Issue)

DISCOVERING ONE OF THE WONDERS OF NATURE

By the Rev. Rufus Morgan

One winter's day recently I stood at the unfinished building of St. John's church in the valley of the Cartoogechaye looking up at the rock ledges on Bryson Knob. Though I was born in sight of it I had never climbed it. But recent experience had brought new interest. In areas similar to that, in Jackson and Cherokee Counties, I had found a lip fern which, as far as I could learn, had never been reported from this (Macon) county. And so I climbed.

Sure enough, there on the rock ledges was the fern (*Cheilanthes lanosa*, or hairy lip fern) which I had found elsewhere; and then there was another, a close relative, *Cheilanthes tomentosa*, or woolly lip fern, which likewise had not been reported from here. So these were added to our list of ferns here which love the rock: mountain spleenwort, madenhair spleenwort, walking fern, purple cliff-brake, and (rarest of all) filmy fern.

And I returned to the valley enriched.

A Reconstruction And Advance Prayer

LORD, make me an instrument of
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LOVE

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Where there is doubt Faith

Where there is despair Hope

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Where there is sadness Joy

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To be consoled as To Console

To be understood as To Understand

To be loved, as To Love, for

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doned

It is in dying that we are born to

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RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. STEPHEN'S, MORGANTON

St. Stephen's Mission, Morganton, held a rummage sale February 9, the proceeds of which are to go entirely for the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. The Woman's Auxiliary sponsored the sale. The members are trying hard to over-subscribe their quota. Individual pledges to the Fund were to be made at the evening service February 24.

VALLE CRUCIS CHURCH REROOFED

Holy Cross Church, Valle Crucis, has been reroofed. A new asbestos roof has replaced the damaged asphalt roof. Funds for this work, amounting to over \$500, were raised by two Christmas offerings, contributions from members, money raised by the sale of the Lord's Acre products, and a special gift of \$100.

A hearse is a poor thing to come to Church in.—Why wait?



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GRACE CHURCH TO BUILD NEW RECTORY

Grace Church, Morganton, held its annual parish meeting on January 28. Mr. H. M. Walton, Junior Warden and Treasurer of the parish, announced the sale of the present rectory for \$12,000, and that funds are in hand to build a new rectory on the lot adjoining the parish house. He also announced that funds were in the bank for the construction of the Hardie J. Turner Memorial, to consist of an enlarged vestry room in which the organ is to be placed, and a memorial window on the Epistle side of the chancel. Construction of both the rectory and the Turner Memorial is expected to begin this spring.

Mr. John H. Pearson was elected to the Vestry of Grace Church for life; he is now the Senior Warden. In an address to the congregation, Mr. Pearson pointed out that November, 1946, is the 50th anniversary of the Consecration of the present church, and the Centennial of the building of the former church which stood in the same location. Mr. J. E. Erwin was made Chairman of a Committee to formulate plans for the proper celebration of these.

Although actually Grace Church began as a separate and organized congregation a year or two earlier, conditions for observing the centennial during the war were too difficult. Observance in 1946 of building and consecration will be quite appropriate, inasmuch as it is believed construction of the new rectory will be well under way, as well as the Turner Memorial.

DIOCESAN GUILD FORMED

A Diocesan Guild of Church School Leaders was organized in the Diocese of North Carolina at a Leadership Training Conference. Objectives of the Guild are:

"To help our boys and girls build Christian character, to raise the standards of Church school teaching, to exchange ideas and experiences for mutual helpfulness, and to work in closer unity with the diocesan Department of Christian Education."



SPEAKER—The Rev. Clifford L. Samuelson, above, was one of the main speakers at the pre-Lenten meeting of the Convocation of Asheville which was held at the Church of the Holy Cross, in Tryon, February 26-27.

CONVOCATION TO MEET AT TRYON

The Church of the Holy Cross, Tryon, was host to the pre-Lenten meeting of the Convocation of Asheville, February 26 and 27. Opening at 2:30 p. m., on February 26, with the business session, the Rev. Clifford L. Samuelson, associate Secretary of the Division of Domestic Missions of the National Council, presented the topic "A Proposed Program for Rural Missionary Work".

Tuesday evening at 8 p. m., there was Evensong and sermon by the Rev. C. Capers Satterlee, rector of the Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, S. C.

Wednesday, February 27, there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a. m., and from 10 to 1, the Rev. Mr. Satterlee conducted a Quiet Day in preparation for Lent.

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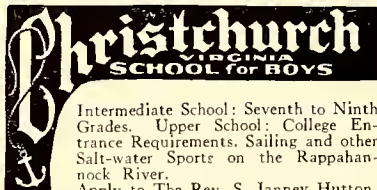
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CHURCH SERVICES

LINCOLNTON: St. Luke's, Service every
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munion, 1st Sunday, 11, 3rd, 8:30. St.
Cyprians, Service every Sun. 7:30 P. M.
P. M.

WOODSIDE: Our Savior, School, 2:15,
Service 3 Every Sunday. Communion,
2nd Sunday, 10. Wednesday Bible
Study, 7 P. M. Rev. Grant Folmsbee.

BLACK MOUNTAIN: St. James' Church,
Rev. J. H. Rhys. Church School 10:15
A. M. Services 2nd and 4th Sunday at
7:30 A. M. Every Sunday at 11:15 A. M.

ALL SOULS GOES OVER ORIGINAL GOAL

The giving to the Reconstruction and Advance Fund has been almost completed in All Souls Church, Biltmore. The goal of the parish as published in the December issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN has been over-subscribed.

However, although officially our goals in this diocese have not been changed, it is hoped that all our parishes and missions will go away over the top. Since the original goal was set by the National Church for \$5,000,000.00, they have had to increase their request to \$8,800,000.00. This means we are all being asked to strive for a goal about 77% above the original amount.

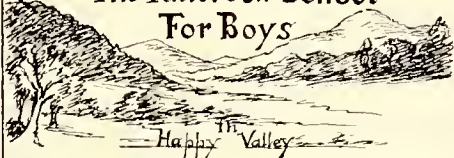
NEWS!

Several congratulations have been received recently on the improvements and changes in THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN. These are acknowledged with sincere gratitude. Some complaints have been received, too, concerned with the lack of local parish or mission news.

This is a justifiable complaint with which the editor is in complete agreement. Just one point should be noted: how can THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN print local news, if it is not sent in? Various methods of obtaining such news have been tried, with only moderate and temporary success. If you have a suggestion as to how we may obtain the local news we need to publish, please let us know! We agree—THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN needs local news. We'd like any willing person in every parish to appoint himself or herself a special reporter for THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN. Deadline for news—the 20th of each month.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Gribbin, Jr., of Chapel Hill, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Robert Emmet Gribbin, III, on February 5, 1946. Mother and son are both doing well, it is reported.

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MAKES BAPTISM CONGREGATIONAL EVENT

In a certain parish in the South it is the custom to have all Baptisms at the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning. On one Sunday recently the rector baptized his own child at the service. After the Baptism he went to the chancel and on behalf of his wife and himself thanked the congregation for what they had done in receiving this child into the fellowship of Christ's Church. It was a surprise to the people, but made very real to them that in the service of Holy Baptism the whole Church participates and not merely the clergyman.

PAINTING HUNG AT REDEEMER

"The Good Shepherd", an oil painting by the late Caroline H. Geiger, has been hung in the Church of the Redeemer, Asheville, and was unveiled and blessed on Sunday, February 24, at the evening service.

A well-known New York artist, Miss

Geiger came to Asheville in 1927, where she continued her work, painting many of the leaders in this section. "The Good Shepherd" was never finished by Miss Geiger, and before her death she requested Charles Latimer Grigsby, of Asheville, to complete it. Upon its completion, Mr. Grigsby decided to hang it at the Church of the Redeemer, where it was placed on the west wall of the church.

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Church's No. 1 Priority: Our Men In The Armed Forces

The ministry to hundreds of thousands of young men in military and naval service is at the top of the list of "priorities" for the Church this season. That ministry is more important now that expeditionary forces are being sent to the far corners of the globe.

There must be no Pearl Harbor for the Church so far as caring for her men in service is concerned. The Army and Navy Commission has sounded the "alert" and every parish should do her duty now that our country is at war.

GREAT OFFERING MARCH 8

March 8 is a red letter day on every parish calendar. For on that day a great free-will offering will be taken throughout the church for the Army and Navy Commission Fund.

The success of the whole campaign depends upon reaching every Churchman and woman. And this free-will offering is an opportunity to "finish the job."

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The Church's Ministry to Our Men in Uniform

MAR. 8 OFFERING DATE

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must keep the Church with the men during their hours of peril and temptation.

The minimum program of the Army and Navy Commission appointed by General Convention, calls for \$385,000. Your task and ours is to make known this need to all of our people. Naturally we look to you for the leadership necessary to raise this sum in the next few weeks. We of necessity leave the details of the parish cam-

paign to you. But may we suggest that you appoint a special committee of men and women to enlist the interest and support of the whole parish? A letter to each family, enclosing the folder and offering envelope herein would seem to be a minimum effort. Sermons to the congregation, talks and addresses before all parish groups will be helpful. Messages from the Presiding Bishop and Bishop Sherrill, stories from our

chaplains and other helpful materials will be found in the January issue of *Forth*.

The Sponsors' Committee would appreciate frequent reports from you on the progress of your effort, the amount raised, and interesting incidents.

We are counting heavily upon you to help turn the tide in this most important phase of the present struggle. We must not fail.

Faithfully yours,
Arthur R. McKinstry.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ORGANIZED

January 29th was spent in putting emphasis on the responsibility and opportunity of the Church with soldiers and sailors. Bishop Henry K. Sherrill is on a two month's tour of the principal centers of the country. His purpose is to arouse interest in the task of the Church in meeting this emergency.

STORY OF THE WORK TOLD

One speaker was a chaplain of the Massachusetts General Hospital during the last war. He is full of anecdotes about his experiences, all of them pointedly clarifying the worthwhileness of such work. He found one boy with pneumonia who wanted to die. The reason uncovered through sympathetic probing by the chaplain was the failure to have heard from his family (Continued 2nd page)

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MOUNTAIN WORKERS

The Conference for Southern Mountain Workers will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., March 10, 11, and 12 and the Conference of Episcopal Church Workers, held in conjunction with the Conference, will open on the preceding day, Monday, March 9, at 7:30 p. m. with a service at St. John's Church.

St. John's Parish, through its rector, the Reverend Richard S. Beasley, is again host to the Episcopal workers. Hospitality is being provided for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, with special arrangements for meals. Registration will be at St. John's Parish House.

Clergy will kindly bring vestments and participate in the opening service.

Both the Episcopal Section and the General Conference give promise of being exceedingly worthwhile. The cost is very low and we are sure the benefits will be great. We trust you may be able to attend.

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Monday, March 9

7:30 P. M.—Service at St. John's Church. Preacher: The Reverend Clifford L. Samuelson, Assistant Secretary, Department of Domestic Missions.

Tuesday, March 10

7:30 A. M.—Holy Communion, St. John's Chapel. Breakfast will be served in the Parish House.

9:00-10:00 A. M.—Quiet Hour, led by the Rev. Peter W. Lambert, Rector Appalachian School, Penland, N. C.

10:00-12:00 noon—Subject: *Our Church's Approach to the Mountain Community*. Led by the Reverend A. Constantine Adamz, Rector Otey Memorial Parish, Sewanee, Tennessee. The Reverend E. Dargan Butt, Chairman Program Committee, presiding.

12:30 P. M. — Luncheon at St. John's Parish House.

2:00-3:30 P. M. — Report of the North Carolina Health Conference,

sponsored by the Conference of Southern Mountain Workers. Led by Mrs. Mont Glover, R.N., of Valle Crucis School for Girls at Valle Crucis, N. C.

3:30-3:45 P. M.—Election of Program Committee for next year.

3:45-5:00 P. M. — Subject: *The Changing Scene in Rural America*, with particular reference to the South Mountain area. Led by the Rev. C. L. Samuelson and the Rev. E. D. Butt.

6:00 P. M.—Banquet for Episcopal workers, sponsored by the Department of Domestic Missions, National Council.

ARMY AND NAVY

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for six months, the entire period of his absence from them. A cable from Bishop Sherrill soon brought a reply which revived the soldier's confidence and renewed his interest in living. The money for the cable had been supplied by the Army and Navy Commission. The reason most people miss the significance of the care of soldiers and sailors is that they accept the traditional view that a soldier or a sailor is a rugged, unapproachable individualist, lacking in sentiment and appreciation. The truth is that the Army is terribly young, relatively speaking, and that they are right out of the homes of our communities, in which grow boys who can be lonesome and homesick and afraid. They need our help.

BISHOP SHERRILL

Bishop Sherrill praised the Episcopal Church for its willingness to supply chaplains far in excess of its allotted quota. We are so far ahead of our quota in the Navy that there is little possibility of more being accepted in anything like the near future. Although we are somewhat over our quota in the Army, its rapid expansion is such as to make it possible for them to assign approximately 100 more chaplains as they present themselves. The requirements are three years' experience in the ministry, and not to have exceeded one's 44th birthday. A clergyman's Bishop and our Army and Navy Commission must pass on all men who are accepted.

Any one who hears the story is bound to be impressed. Any one who knows the truth about the opportunity and responsibility is bound to put his shoulder to the wheel and go "all out" to accomplish the task. The emphasis at the moment is on a campaign throughout the whole Church for \$385,000.00 and upwards. Simply to list the items is rather a cold story. To say:

"\$15,000.00 — Equipment and supplies for the Holy Communion and other religious services" must be read with a picture of men kneeling in the open before an improvised altar on which are placed lovely silver candlesticks, silver cross and proper Communion vessels, the Chaplain arrayed in the traditional vestments. All of these things are being supplied by the Army and Navy Commission for the chaplains of the Army and Navy of our denomination. The same might be applied to all the other items listed here below:

THE CHURCH MINISTRY TO OUR MEN

| IN SERVICE IN TERMS OF DOLLARS | |
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| Equipment and supplies for The Holy Communion and other Religious Services | \$ 15,000 |
| "A Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors," Forward Movement and other Religious Literature | 27,000 |
| Chaplains Pension Premiums for about 200 Chaplains | 25,000 |
| Chaplains' Discretionary Funds | 60,000 |
| Aid to Parishes and Missions near Camps | 210,000 |
| Conferences for Chaplains, Rectors and Parishes near Camps, Chairmen of Diocesan Army and Navy Commissions | 4,000 |
| Expenses of Commission (Salaries, office, etc.) | 21,000 |
| Interdenominational Cooperation | 10,000 |
| Expenses of Sponsors and Reserves for Emergencies | 13,000 |
| Total | \$385,000 |

BEFORE THEIR EYES

Christ School Chapel has its Lenten cross in place with the students' "contracts with God" nailed thereon, before their eyes for the entire season, resolutions they have made and written and sealed, a visible daily reminder, where they will remain till Easter Even. That day they will be burned. Then the cross will be decorated with greens and flowers in apt symbol of victory gained over sins and weaknesses.

A corporate preparation on Shrove Tuesday put the entire student body in readiness for the corporate Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, and the imposition of ashes, the ashes an outward sign of inward penitence, and the Holy Communion in preparation for the spiritual combat of Lent.

PATTERSON SCHOOL MAKING BID FOR STUDENTS

With a good general physical condition throughout the property, and an excellent staff of Instructors, and high scholastic standards, Patterson School is now ready to take its place with the best preparatory schools. The board and tuition has been raised to \$360.00, but a limited number of students may be accepted on part scholarships, provided they are recommended by a clergyman or reliable person.

The Superintendent, capable George F. Wiese, has written ministers for appointments and names of prospective students. Attractive literature is available setting forth the plan of work for the coming year. Students will be taken for Junior High (VI and VII grades) and High School (VIII, IX, X, XI, and XII grades).

CONVOCATION PRESENTATION SERVICES

April 19th is the date for the Presentation service of Mite Box Offerings in the Asheville Convocation, and April 26th for the Convocation of Morganton, according to the Bishop's calendar.

EDITORIALS

SPRINGTIME

We wonder if many of our readers heard a beautiful short poem read by one of our broadcasters at the close of his report. It was written by an Englishwoman, evidently filled by the love of the beautiful English countryside. Judged by some standards, it would seem trite, but the emphasis upon the fact that the darkest hour in the affairs of men, can not retard the processes of God which produce beauty is worthy of profound thought. Certainly, we of Western North Carolina can fully reciprocate the sentiment when we think of the dogwood, azalea and laurel that will soon burst forth, as a blessed diversion from the gloomy thoughts that often necessarily beset us.

Lent was long ago called the spring of the soul. We must disassociate it from thoughts of boring routine, and services sometimes grudgingly attended. There can be, if we will be diligent, faithful and receptive, a real flowering of character. Why can we not be sure that soul-cultivation can be as effective as soil-cultivation? Why should we think it impossible that God should work in us a transformation as striking as that from a bare, leafless bush into a gloriously flowering shrub? The saints are witnesses that so it can be. What is needed is a determination to use the added Lenten means of grace. Results will come despite even poorly rendered public worship and uninspiring addresses. And yet how much more helpful the clergy could be, if they were only sure that people took advantage of their ministrations because they were sincerely seeking means of help and growth.

A HELPFUL SERVANT

The entire Church should sincerely mourn the earthly loss of the Rt. Rev. Charles McClellan Fiske, late Bishop of Central New York. There have been few writers in our American Church who have imparted so much practical help to both clergy and laity. We marvel that he could have found time to administer the affairs of a large diocese and bestow upon the Church helpful books as "The Christ We Know" and "The Faith by Which We Live". The latter is earnestly recommended as being unsurpassed as a book to put into the hands of people who have drifted away from the spiritual practices amid which they grew up, and are looking for a faith that touches life more intimately.

Bishop Fiske should be an example to us all to learn how to apply Christianity to the life that we actually face and to today's problems. He had, and rightly so, little patience with an expression of religion that is nothing more than a hangover of the piety of our grandparents.

VICTORY FOR THE CHURCH

Naturally we have all been shocked and pained by the disregard of the Japanese for Manila as an open city. In some quarters angry threats have been made for later reprisals upon Tokyo and Yokohama.

It is generally conceded in our

own Church circles that the Church did not acquit herself any too well in the first World War. Whether you agree or not, no one can deny that the Church is capable of improvements and of bearing a finer witness for Christ as the years roll on during which her children have been nourished by God's grace. In the sphere of human action we are a fallible, not an infallible Church, but God will ever use our fallibility, and if we put ourselves in His hands, make Saints out of unpromising material.

It seems to us that in this very vital question of reprisals, the Church, by throwing her weight into the balance, can turn the scale. Public opinion is far from unanimous. There are millions of people who would welcome a pastoral letter from our Bishops or failing that, the declaration by a godly parish priest, whose life has preached his best sermon, that America, being in fact, if not in theory, a Christian nation, should not descend to the level of the non-Christians with whom she is at war.

We believe that there will be no difficulty with those who have given sacrificially to Missions and informed themselves as to the Church's work. What member of a mission study class could contemplate with anything but horror, the dropping of a bomb upon St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, or the killing of little children, nurtured in one of the kindergartens which the Church has so lovingly and generously supported?

Americans are humane. In that great fringe of the Church's friends, the type of man who says "I'm not very religious but I take off my hat to the rector of St. John's; there's a real Christian", are thousands of people who will flock like little children behind the man who takes the lead in an endeavor to keep America Christian. Just as they thank us for teaching their little ones the principles of Christian faith and life, so will they thank us too for helping them to disassociate themselves from the criers-out for vengeance. In the doing of the task the Church and her leaders will be misunderstood by some, but when all is over, America will rise up to call them blessed.

PRAYER FOR AIRMEN

Bishop Oldham of Albany has authorized a prayer for airmen to be used in his diocese, as the Prayer Book provides none. It is taken from the Scottish Prayer Book:

"Almighty God, who makest the clouds thy chariot and walkest upon the wings of the wind; have mercy, we beseech thee, on our airmen, and when they are amidst the clouds and wonders of the sky, give unto them the assurance of thy protection, that they may do their duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or in death the eternal God is their refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

Highland Flings

REV. N. C. DUNCAN

The season of Lent returns, and this year it has a message of greater importance than at any time within our generation. This column would like to suggest to clergy and laity alike that we get away from the relatively trivial matters, such as the candy, cake, and movie self-denials, and into the area of self-denials which touches us in vital places.

When Jesus began His public ministry he caught up the message of John Baptist, saying, *Repent ye*. The word which they used means, *change your mind*, and that is exactly what they preached about. Jesus had come to set up His kingdom, but He knew that He could not establish it on the sort of mind which He found prevailing. Over a long period of Jewish history we find them nurturing an ideal of separation, favoritism, race superiority, which made them look down upon other races and nations. They had moved from a position of selection for a purpose—to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, to a position of superiority. Within the nation some groups looked down upon other groups. Barriers of separation were set up. The prophets had insisted upon justice, sharing of life, brotherhood, but the social controls were against the prophets. Jesus made it clear that His kingdom would not follow that pattern, that sort of thinking; so, He demanded a new birth which carried with it a new mind. Those in the kingdom must look upon the Father, and upon mankind through His mind. He put Zaccheus before them, and said, "You have been looking upon him as a publican and an outcast, but he also is a son of Abraham". He went to a Syro-phonician woman, a race despised by the Jews, and told her that the gifts of God were for her too.

We have preached Christianity and Democracy in many ways. We can stand a lot more practice of both. We shall have to change our minds about the way in which we think of other nations, peoples, races, groups. There are still a lot of First Families of Pharisees who divide society into groups, and lift their skirts to avoid touching the other members of society. It is not a good sample of Christianity or democracy that we have crowded the colored people out of jobs, and made it difficult for them to live. It is a million miles from Christianity to organize groups to foster racial hatred, yet just the other day we heard of a professing Christian who was trying to justify persecution of the Jews, and proving it, as he thought, by the Bible. The social and economic injustices which made it hard for many people to live at a normal level does not express the ideal of brotherhood. So, we humbly suggest that this Lent we *repent* — change our minds, even though it hurts our pride, our pocketbooks, our systems. *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.*

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PAGE

Boards To Meet

The Diocesan Board is to meet in Rutherfordton, at the Isothermal Hotel, on Wednesday, March 4th, at 11 A. M.

All Souls and Trinity Combine Classes

Guilds and Auxiliary Members of Trinity and All Souls' Churches have combined for a series of studies of "A Christian Imperative" for Lent. The Rev. I. N. Northup will lead the discussions and summarize the points at the end. Feb. 23 *The Situation*, at All Soul's Parish House, with Miss Stillman as leader; March 2, *The Answer: Missions* at Trinity Parish House, with Mrs. Thomas as leader; March 9, *The Answer: A World Church* at All Souls' Parish House, with Mrs. Bartleme as leader; March 16, *The Answer: Our Community*, at Trinity Parish House, with Mrs. Glenn as leader; and March 23, *Findings*, at All Souls' Parish House with Mrs. Schnorrenberg as leader. The Rev. G. F. Rogers of Trinity church will open the meetings with devotions.

Asheville's World Day of Prayer

Asheville's World Day of Prayer, the first Friday in Lent was held at the First Presbyterian Church, with leaders who actually represented the church about the world. The chairman was a former teacher in Ginling College, China, another the wife of a German pastor, imprisoned in a concentration camp abroad. Their young son, a student for the Ministry, is still confined in a concentration camp. The third leader of the program was a French woman who has not heard a word from her family in France for more than a year. Most realistic was the use of this program with leaders from different continents. The climax of the day came when the chairman of the National Committee on the World Day of Prayer, Miss Margaret Applegarth, who is in Asheville visiting and attending the National Christian Mission, spoke to the congregation. She told of the different groups about the world who were using the same program, sun up to sun down, emphasizing the unity of Christians through which must come the lasting peace.

From Miss Nash's Notes

Miss Alpha B. Nash, reporting for the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, told of the address of the Rev. David R. Covell at the last meeting of the Board, in which he said that the Government had legislated that the chaplains are religious servants, not military agents. We have about 150 Episcopal chaplains in the forces. He said that the post chapels provided by the Government are primarily for religious purposes and secondarily for educational purposes, but not for recreational purposes. He outlined the plan to raise \$385,000.00 to carry on this work for a two-year period. The date of March 8, 1942, has been chosen as a general date for presenting the offering. He said that this work with the men in the



Mrs. John E. Hill of Philadelphia, newly elected Chairman of the Executive Board of the National Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church, which is responsible for planning much of the women's work in that Church.

Service was not just a task for the clergy but that it is essentially a woman's, a mother's, job; and that the women of the Woman's Auxiliary are asked to cooperate. He suggested that a practical way for applying Forward in Service would be to keep in contact with the boys from the Parish and to help strengthen the churches near the camps. He asked that the Woman's Auxiliary help in any possible way the Navy and Army Commission's representatives when they come into the Diocese to raise funds.

Missionary Education Reported By Miss Nash

Dr. Addison first spoke of the four new supplementary leaflets on Mission Topics for 1942. One supplements "A Christian Imperative" and the other three supplement "Christian Roots of Democracy". He also mentioned another series being written to take the place of the old Guides.

Miss Harvey called attention to the new packets which are available at 30c each, the Democracy Packet with one Leader's guide, two "To Them That are Nigh", two "A More Perfect Union", two "In Every Sphere", one The Episcopal Church and the Federal Council and one Instruction sheet. Also there is available at the same price the World Order Packet with a Leader's Guide, "In Every Sphere", 2 copies of "A More Perfect Union", 2 copies "That They All May Be One", a copy of Towards Unity, one of They Seek Freedom, one of 1940 Prayer Leaflet, and one Instruction Sheet.

Another important publication has just appeared *What About the Parish Officers?*

Murphy Auxiliary Born

The newly formed Woman's Auxiliary of Messiah, Murphy, has been given an added impetus by an institute conducted January 8 by Mrs.

Sheldon Leavitt of Asheville. Three sessions were held, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. Among the topics discussed were the purposes of the Auxiliary, the available material, the effective means of carrying out plans, and what constitutes a good meeting.

Between the afternoon and the evening meetings the women were busy preparing for a model meeting under Mrs. Leavitt's guidance. The evening meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Clark. Mrs. Leavitt presided due to the illness of the local president, Mrs. M. P. Whichard. The subject of the meeting was "The Christian Year and the Life of Our Lord". The elements of a good meeting were emphasized, Worship, Study, Service and Fellowship. Mrs. Marvin Gillespie assisted by the Rev. Grant Folmsbee held the devotions.

Call For Font

A few months ago the Highland Churchman featured a request from the Rev. Rufus Morgan for a Baptismal Font for the Church of the Messiah, Murphy. The Rev. Grant Folmsbee, now in charge, seconds the request, asking also for a blackboard of any size for the Sunday School. If anyone knows where either or both of these can be obtained, they are requested to communicate with Mr. Folmsbee.

NEWS

VALLE CRUCIS AND BOONE GET RECTOR

The Rev. Wilbur C. Leach arrived in Valle Crucis February 11 and has begun his duties as Priest-in-charge of Holy Cross, Valle Crucis, St. Luke's, Boone, and St. Matthew's, Todd.

By way of introduction to the Diocese, a brief sketch of his life follows: He was born in New York City in 1914, but received most of his lower schooling in Washington, D. C. From 1934 to 1938 he attended the University of North Carolina, where he received an A.B. degree in English. Incidentally he was associated with the Carolina Playmakers. Immediately upon graduation from the University he entered the General Theological Seminary in New York. During his three years there he was Lay Reader-in-charge of St. Andrew's Mission, Harrington Park, N. J. After graduation from the Seminary he was appointed by their Missionary Society to go out to Upi, Mindanao Island, P. I., which was to have been an associate mission of the Seminary had not the war interfered. Last summer Fr. Leach had charge of St. Mary's Church, Blowing Rock, during the month of July. Since September, 1941, till his coming to Valle Crucis, he was locum tenens of St. John's Church, Dover, N. J., supplying for their Rector who is Chaplain of Marines on Paris Island. He was married June 21, 1941, to Miss Ruth C. Hill of Greensboro, N. C.

PRIESTS' FELLOWSHIP REPORTED

By Host Fr. Webb.

The recent Fellowship meeting came off on schedule, Thursday, Feb. 5, at 10:30 a. m. here at the school. Seven priests attended (Lambert, Duncan, Sill, Saylor, Peeples, Northup and Mack, with yours truly being the eighth). A feature, perhaps, of the Mass—which was very well sung by the boys—was the first rendition of a new Kyrie, composed especially for the use of the Christ School student body by the organist, Urquart Chinn.

The morning session was devoted to a paper by Fr. Saylor on the Church in South America. His description naturally centered about his own former work in Porto Rico, and gave us a very good idea of what the Church is doing in that part of the world, so much in the attention of North Americans today. It is perhaps interesting to note that Fr. Boynton, former chaplain here, is now working in precisely the spot described in the paper. The intention of the Mass, by the way, was a thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Fr. Boynton and his family in Porto Rico. Did you know that he was on the Coamo, which picked up the survivors of a torpedoed boat?

After lunch in the school dining room with the boys, the afternoon business session was held. A letter of greeting and good wishes was sent to Fr. Boynton, and a gift for his work was also forwarded, from the Fellowship. A letter of sympathy was sent to Fr. Hammond, whose baby had just died—Fr. Hammond is now in California. We then had a bit of a free discussion, started by Northup, on the place of the Church in this war, and went on to the second paper, by Fr. Lambert, "Some Thoughts Inspired by the Malvern Conference". Naturally the paper stimulated considerable discussion.

It was a good day; we regret that the attendance was so small. Fr. Sill invited us to Asheville (just where, will be announced later) for the Whitsuntide meeting, on Tuesday, May 21.

GIFTS FOR THOMPSON ORPHANAGE STILL LAGGING

With a request for \$1462.00 for Thompson Orphanage for 1941 the Diocese of Western North Carolina responded with \$955.51 from Parishes and Missions, and \$154.00 in special gifts. This is \$190.00 over the 1940 Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage, but still lagging behind the proportionate share of the expenses.

Increases were given by St. James', Hendersonville, with \$52.12 for 1941 as against \$36.75 of 1940, Calvary, Fletcher with \$13.85 with \$10.00 reported for the year before, Ascension, Hickory, \$80.25 which was \$70.00 more than 1940, St. James', Lenoir, \$51.07 against \$27.64 in 1940, St. Luke's, Lincolnton, \$28.31 against \$15.63 in 1940, St. John's, Marion, \$5.10, with an increase of a few cents, Grace, Morganton, \$140.85 as against \$122.25 the year before, Holy Cross, Tryon, \$81.25, more than double over the year before, Grace Church, Waynesville, \$20.00 in 1941, as against \$8.00 the year before, and

St. Paul's, Wilkesboro, which raised their offering from \$15.60 in 1940 to \$34.42 in 1941.

Among the Missions an increase from \$10.00 to \$12.00 was made by Christ School, Arden, Beaver Creek (St. Mary's) with \$3.28, St. Andrew's, Canton, with \$10.00, St. Luke's, Chun's Cove, \$6.50, Redeemer, Craggy, \$6.00, St. David's, Cullowhee, \$3.00, St. Agnes', Franklin, \$10.08, Holy Trinity, Glendale Springs, \$8.58, St. John's, High Shoals, \$6.25, St. Paul's, Glen Alpine, \$6.00, Highlands, Incarnation, \$7.15, Chapel of Rest, Legerwood, \$3.00, Our Saviour, Lincolnton, \$2.15, Messiah, Murphy, \$5.00; St. Mary's, Quaker Meadows, \$2.91; Redeemer, Shelby, \$5.71, St. John's, Sylva, \$3.00, Holy Cross, Valle Crucis, \$25.62, Grace, Asheville, \$3.75, St. John the Baptist, Upward, \$7.00.

No increase was shown in the other collections sent in, but acknowledgment and thanks were given just the same to Trinity, Asheville, for \$111.33, All Soul's, Biltmore, for \$48.65, St. Philip's, Brevard, for \$14.25, St. Mark's, Gastonia, for \$117.00, which uses the plan of taking the offering at Church School once a month rather than just at Thanksgiving, and St. Francis, Rutherfordton for \$15.44. Bat Cave (Transfiguration) sent \$5.64.

CONVOCATION OF MORGANTON ENTERTAINED BY ST. JAMES'

February 12 a small group met in St. James' Church, Lenoir, for Holy Communion, and a morning of meditations and prayers under the leadership of Bishop Gribbin. Dean Boston M. Lackey was celebrant at Holy Communion.

Then the group went to the splendidly heated Parish House (the new furnace was in operation) and enjoyed a delightful luncheon served by the ladies of St. James. At the business session after lunch the Rev. Boston M. Lackey was reelected Dean of the Convocation for his fifth year, and Rev. W. S. Stoney was elected Secretary.

Dean Lackey presented plans for the All Youth Meeting of the Diocese in late April at Trinity Church, Asheville. The Bishop made a strong appeal for the Army and Navy Commission Offering March 8 to help Parishes and Missions serving near Army camps and Naval Stations and Air fields, to help pay premiums for clergymen who serve as Chaplains, 175 of them from the Episcopal Church, and more if there is room for them in our quota, to provide Prayer Books and Hymnals and Communion vessels and to provide discretionary funds for the chaplains to work with.

HOLY CROSS GIVES RECEPTION FOR FATHER AND MRS. LEACH

On the night of February 17, the congregation of Holy Cross Church, Valle Crucis, gave a reception in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur C. Leach. The reception was held in the dining hall of the Valle Crucis School. Receiving with Fr. and Mrs. Leach were members of the Mission Committee: Mrs. E. T. Hopkins, Mrs. W. H. Wagner, Miss Adelaide Smith, Mr. Henry Taylor, Mr. Duke Tester, Dr. Brown. Greeting the guests at

the door and ushering them into the dining hall were Mrs. Will Cook, Miss Virginia Bouldin and Miss Anna P. Robertson. Mrs. Henry Taylor and Mrs. Earle Tester served punch. The Valle Crucis School chorus, accompanied by their instructor, Miss Robertson, sang the following two-part songs: "I Would That My Love", Mendelssohn; "The Wanderer's Night Song", Rubinstein; "Dame Nightingale", Louis Victor Saar; "Lullaby", Brahms; "Twilight", a Russian folk song; and "Waltz of the Flowers", from Nutcracker's Suite, Tchaikowski.

SOLDIERS COMING

The Tryon Daily Bulletin, the world's smallest daily newspaper, and that is a lot of territory to cover, fell by chance into the hand of the Highland Churchman editor. On the third pagelet of this newspaperlet was an article captioned "SOLDIERS COMING" in which a fine bit of news was hidden. The Holy Cross Parish in Tryon is awake to the fact that they have an army camp nearby, Camp Croft, and are having a series of entertainments at the Parish House for the soldiers, the second of the series announced for February 8. Plans were made for the entertainment of 40 men in uniform, and people of the community were invited to spend the afternoon at the Parish House with them. A dinner and supper and delightful afternoon spent in delightful Tryon with its delightful people, we venture to say that it was an outstanding day in the lives of those soldier boys.

CONVOCATION OF ASHEVILLE

The Convocation was delightfully entertained by ever-hospitable St. Andrew's, Canton, on February 10 and 11.

On the opening afternoon we had discussions on The Church and the Isolated and on Vacation Bible Schools, led by Miss Aline Cronshey and the Rev. James P. Burke. At the business session Sunday, April 19 at 3 p. m. was fixed as the time for the annual presentation of the Lenten offering at Calvary Church, Fletcher.

The Rev. Isaac N. Northup of All Souls, Asheville, preached a thoughtful and inspiring sermon on Tuesday night.

There was an unusually good attendance at the Holy Communion on Wednesday morning. Bishop Gribbin conducted a very helpful pre-Lenten Quiet Day, dealing with many practical helps to the deepening of the spiritual life on the part of clergy and laity.

The attendance was gratifyingly representative, and of the clergy all but three were present, one of the absentees being on a vacation.

CRAGGY HAS PARTY

Fifty people enjoyed a dance on St. Valentine's night at the parish house of the Church of the Redeemer, Craggy, forty of whom were young people. A meeting of the young people's group, recently organized, preceded the dance. Refreshments of H₂O and Valentine chocolates were enjoyed by all. The Craggy Foxes furnished the music, no harm resulting.

NEGRO CHURCHES EXTENDING WORK TO COMMUNITIES

NEGRO WORK ACTIVE

The Rev. J. Walter Edwards had a vacant mission house on his hands when the family of caretakers of St. Stephen's Mission, Morganton, moved. He struck upon the happy idea of making it a community center. The chimney had to be moved from the center to the side, changes made, and alterations. Now, almost daily the whoops and shouts of negro boys and girls make the old building shake as basket ball games and other games are scheduled. Mr. Edwards in cooperation with school authorities has converted the empty mission house into a center of life.

The community club, three years old now, which Mr. Edwards has been sponsoring, branched out from the community and invited guests from Lenoir at Christmas. A teen age negro boy slipped his revolver in his pocket as part of his equipment for the party, not knowing where he was going. He had heard that there were bad boys in Morganton. When the party was over he returned to Lenoir more puzzled than anything else. There had been no fight. Everyone behaved. The party was perfectly orderly. He learned that it was held at the Episcopal Church community house.

GAMES ATTRACT YOUTH

Boys from Lincolnton were playing boys from Morganton, when someone asked Mr. Edwards for water. The boys and the minister went out to the drinking faucet. "What church is this?" from the visitor. The church stands near the mission house. When told that it was Episcopal he asked if he might see the inside. "May I bring my friend along?" And the minister and the two negro youths spent the entire two hours in the church talking, asking questions. One was the son of a Presbyterian minister.

Among the activities at St. Stephen's is the reorganization of the Sunday School under Mrs. Ethel B. Happoldt, Superintendent, the Christmas Pageant with 18 children taking part, and gifts from Parishes at Coldwater, Michigan, and Grace Church, Morganton. St. Stephen's has morning service and noon day Sunday School now.

ST. CYPRIAN'S, LINCOLNTON

Rev. Mr. Edwards also serves St. Cyprian's in Lincolnton. 25 to 35 children meet for instructions the first and third Sundays, and the congregation of children and adults for Evening Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays.

St. Cyprian's is in great need of a coat of paint.

ST. GABRIEL'S GROWING

72 Communicants, with 50 of them under twenty years of age, belong to St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton, now. There are 92 Baptized persons. It has the largest Negro Church School in town, with 96 enrolled.

Thirteen children were baptized on Septuagesima, the largest number

the Rev. Eugene L. Avery, Priest in charge, has ever baptized at once. He reported that one child started crying, and another, and pretty soon all took it up—like a baby ward at the hospital.

Last Easter 10 were Confirmed and another class is shaping up now. There is an Altar Guild, Woman's Auxiliary, Acolyte Guild, Junior Choir, Boy Scout Troop, and Young People's Service League.

GOOD SHEPHERD, TRYON, DOING WELL

Members of Good Shepherd, Tryon, are reported few in number but faithful, and doing well. Seldom is the Priest present for a service that every member is not present. Two were confirmed in 1941.

ST. ANDREW'S, GREEN RIVER, FAILING

Since the death of Miss Maude Cox, the patron of St. Andrew's Mission, Green River, the work is hardly holding its own. Many members have moved away, but there is still a small handful of faithful persons. The Priest, Rev. E. L. Avery is not discouraged, and hopes to build up the work again in time.

FRAZIER CENTER, FRANKLIN

The Frazier Community Center for our colored people has really started a new life for the negroes in the county. For the first time they have a place where they can gather for all kinds of social and recreational activities. This includes basket ball games with teams from neighboring schools, and the daily use of the building for WPA hot lunches for school children.

The people do not receive anything from the county for this use of the building, although they are heavily in debt for their sponsorship of the building under NYA. This they are paying off regularly, by all sorts of work and benefit entertainments. Last week they salvaged a large amount of fire-damaged goods for sale, giving half to the Red Cross and half towards their debt. This work is developing a new esprit-de-corp that is meaning much to the young people especially. The Boy Scout troop meets in the building. On "Brotherhood Sunday" this new troop—which Mr. Morgan helped to organize—united with the white troop in attending the special Boy Scout service at the Franklin Methodist Church.

Mr. Morgan holds regular Sunday service at St. Cyprian's the days that Archdeacon Kennedy, who comes once a month, is not there. He also helps with their community activities, has planted several hundred white pine seedlings and otherwise cultivated and improved the Church property.

A group of our Auxiliary women helped the colored women last week in putting on the sale above referred to which will bring substantial contributions to the county Red Cross and to the Community house fund.

Much good work is going on at St. Matthias, Asheville, and activities are spoken of in Edneyville, and in other places, but nothing definite was sent for this month's issue of the *Highland Churchman*.

THE REV. DAVID N. PEEPLES WRITES

There is no news from the parish of special interest, unless possibly our Lenten Schedule.

Daily Eucharist 8:30 a. m. (War Time).

Saturday, Eucharist with Instruction for children and adults, 9:30 a. m.

Sundays — Holy Eucharist 8:30, Catechism 10, and Morning Prayer and Eucharist 11 a. m.

Fridays — Devotional Hour, with Meditation and Intercessions 4 p. m.

The bishop paid us an unexpected but very pleasant visit on February 8th, preaching and the Celebrant at the 11 o'clock Eucharist.

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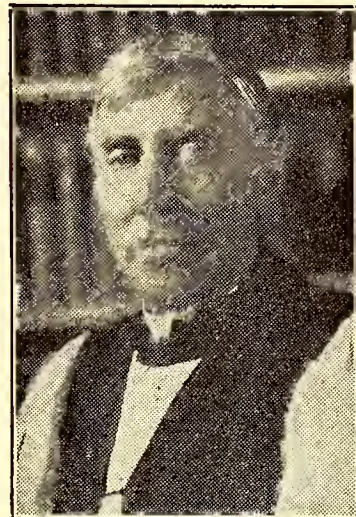
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FORWARD IN SERVICE

The Church has been following with enthusiasm the Ten-Year Plan of the Presiding Bishop through the Forward in Service program. A new phase of that program begins this September. The clergy of the Diocese of Western North Carolina showed their interest in and devotion to the program by going into retreat on the first day of September led by the bishop of the diocese in order further to develop their own spiritual lives. Now every parish and mission in this diocese as in the whole Church will want to take its place in the program and engage in the program for spiritual development and activity which must necessarily follow. Each one is asked to study the following Plan of Action as outlined for this coming year and to insist on having a share in the program. There is no mission too small to engage in this program if a few members in it will study, pray, and work for Freedom Through Christ.

A. RUFUS MORGAN,

Diocesan Chairman, Forward-in-Service.



*The Presiding Bishop
Our Leader, Forward-In-Service*

PLAN OF ACTION

Forward-in-Service through EVANGELISM

LIFE today is marked by a consciousness of urgency. The daily news reports; war industries and activities; emergency preparation—all combine to fill the atmosphere with a deep sense of urgency.

This same urgency must dominate the Church's work. The future of America and the world depends upon today's Christian witness. We who hold the faith must quicken our efforts to a realization of the crucial test which Christianity faces. We must bring to men the Gospel of Christ, the only remedy for a world gone all-out in war.

We can do this through the strengthening of witness on the part of every priest, every parish, every Church member. It requires a new vigorous, aggressive evangelism which will not be content until men everywhere and especially here in America have been brought to the knowledge and love of Christ and full participation in Christian fellowship and work. **So our emphasis in FORWARD IN SERVICE for the year beginning September, 1942 is Evangelism. Our aim is conversion to Christ for world service. Our goal is the freedom of the Kingdom of God.**

EVANGELISTS BY WORD

The Work of Every Christian

Every Christian be he clergyman or layman has a share in winning men to Freedom through Christ. The fastest growing diocese in the Anglican Communion is the Missionary Diocese of Dornakal in South India. This is because everyone received into the Church is taught he must win others. Most of us know very little about this work and evade it. We can and must learn. Christ expects us to be evangelists, bearers of good news. Personal effort to bring others into the life of Christ's freedom is not only the re-

sponsibility of each one of us; it should and can be our greatest joy. We cannot, however, win men to Christ's freedom unless we meet with them and talk to them. This means the offering of our time to God. We must be ready for this sacrifice. But more than time is needed; there must be understanding, love, and tact. A booklet of methods has been prepared entitled *The Work of Every Christian*. Single copies of this booklet will be sent upon application to FORWARD IN SERVICE.

Preaching Missions

In this day when people are bewildered and hopeless it is high time the voice of the Church was raised through her prophets to pronounce in no uncertain terms the message of the Almighty God. The Presiding Bishop suggests that every parish and mission hold as part of this year's work a Preaching Mission, preferably during Epiphany. Such a nation-wide undertaking will require the best our clergy can give under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and long-range planning and hard work on the part of lay people. Without these two characteristics the Preaching Mission will be merely another event. With them the Holy Spirit can use our Mission as a means of stirring the hearts and wills of our people. We should not stop, however, with the members of the Church. Especially this year there should be definite efforts to bring the unchurched under the influence of the Preaching Mission. Such corporate evangelistic enterprises can be planned on a parochial basis or by cities, convocations, or dioceses. Some groups have done it so successfully that the life of the whole Church in that area has been changed. We all can profit by their experience. Single copies of a pamphlet, *Preaching Missions*, can be secured by the clergy free upon request to FORWARD IN SERVICE.

During every year of the Ten-Year Plan we shall carry on the emphasis of previous years. This is especially true of worship. This year think of worship as the chief method of evangelism. In worship we point beyond our frailties, our imperfect witness and preaching to those great acts of God in Christ in which the whole hope of man's redemption depends. In worship we lift Christ up and He draws men unto Him.

THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF THE TEN-YEAR PLAN

1940—The Roll Call 1941—Prayer and Worship 1942—Evangelism

If the object of the roll call was to sift our membership in order to discover more accurately the dependable membership of our Church, this year's object of EVANGELISM is no less important with its emphasis, "THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS."

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THE CHURCH MUST DO IT

Canon Raven in one of his books makes the incontrovertible statement that each day that a war lasts adds to the sum-total of hatred and makes the establishment of a just peace that much harder. Hence it rests with the Church as the instrument of the Prince of Peace to make possible the realization in human life of the song of the angels on the Judean hills. When we realize that half of our population is not Christian and that at least another fourth is but nominally Christian, we see the magnitude of the task that rests upon the shoulders of those who are sincere followers of the lowly Nazarene. It is appalling to hear numbers of people express the opinion that as surely as night follows day there will be a Third World War. It can not be repeated too often that war per se settles nothing, and that all the hope that we have of a kindlier, juster world lies in the focussing of Christian sentiment upon the peace. May God raise up before all our altars men and women who will have as their supreme hope the triumph of the Prince of Peace.

CHARLES L. MCGAVERN

Our late editor gave but one month's service to THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN. He had given much to our diocesan life. We congratulate the soldiers who will have the benefit of his ministrations, now that he has left us to become a chaplain. Genial, warm-hearted, gracious and modest, this capable young priest was destined to become a leader in our diocese. His loss leaves us infinitely poorer.

JOURNEY'S END

After peregrinations to the hinterlands of the diocese, THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN returns to its original habitat in the See City with our Chairman of Promotion, the Rev. Isaac Northup, at the helm. We bespeak for its new head the co-operation that his numerous predecessors received so freely.

LETTERS TO THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN

Editor of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN:

Among the many items of interest which I hope to secure in my collection of material

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

To the Clergy and Laity of Western North Carolina:

May I urge you all to get in behind the Forward in Service plan for 1942-1943 which begins this month. Information about the plan, together with material concerning it, has been sent by the Presiding Bishop to each clergyman. The material sent refers to other helpful literature which may be had upon request of the clergyman. At the bottom of most pages of the current Forward day by day attention is invited to the importance of this plan. This plan is *not* the Every Member Canvass. A good canvass should be a result but not the only result of proper participation in Forward in Service.

Although we regret the suspension of the Valle Crucis School, we should thank God for what in His Name it has accomplished.

Assuring news comes from the Rev. Samuel B. Stroup who has had two operations at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. After another operation it is hoped he will soon be able to return to his home and people.

We rejoice with Grace Church, Morganton, in that the Rev. Charles G. Leavell of Norton, Va. has accepted the rectorship of the parish effective October 1. Mr. Leavell and his family are heartily welcomed to our diocesan family.

The Rev. Charles L. McGavern, who is a chaplain at Turner Field, Albany, Ga. writes very enthusiastically about his work. Let us remember him and all the chaplains.

We extend our congratulations to the Rev. Grant Folmsbee who was ordained to the Priesthood on August 30 in Grace Church, Waynesville.

Faithfully,
ROBERT E. GRIBBIN.

I AM A LAYMAN

Every hour of every day I am either helping or hindering God's purpose for the world. My influence is often greater than that of the clergy because they are looked upon as professionals. Also I am one of millions of Christian laymen while the clergy are numbered only by the thousands.

I have a family. Either as father or mother do I realize that what I do has far more influence than what I say? Do I take my children to Church services or merely send them? Or do I do neither? Is God remembered at our table and in private and family worship?

I have a job. In that job I am making contacts with other people at frequent intervals: fellow-workers, customers, salesmen. Does my acceptance of Christ as my Lord and Master determine my attitude toward these people? Do they recognize that they are talking with a Christian rather than with a pagan? This does not require a soft "piosity" but rather those qualities which are inherent in a true Christian: strength, confidence, decency, helpfulness, and justice.

I am a Church member. Is my attitude regarding this membership, Church attendance, and religious conviction one of concealment or apology, or one of justifiable pride, not of myself but of the cause in which I have enlisted? Do I know which of my associates are Church members? Has my reticence on the subject prevented them from sharing their convictions? Why do I hesitate to talk about religious matters when I know their supreme importance? Is it

from a natural reluctance to seem better than others or is there in my silence an element of cowardice, a fear of being laughed at?

I live in a community. Do I take adequate part in activities for the welfare of my fellow citizens? Do I consider this work as part of my responsibility and privilege as a Christian? Do I obtain strength and inspiration for this work through my private and public prayers? Do I insist that Christian principles govern the operation of the agencies with which I am connected?

I have many friends with whom I enjoy fellowship. In my decisions as to conversation or conduct am I governed by the test, "Everybody is doing it," or by the harder test of what is right and expedient in God's sight? Would Christ be a welcome guest at my parties?

I am a witness wherever I may be. Perhaps I do not like the idea but I cannot avoid the fact. My light is shining before men. What path does it illumine?

—A LAYMAN.

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for a history of our diocese is the matter of parochial schools, many of which performed a most useful service. I shall appreciate information about any of these schools that flourished around 1900 to 1910, approximately.

Also, I should like to have parochial histories, and trust that the clergy will aid me in this respect. I should like to have

suggestions as to outstanding individuals, both clerical and lay. At the moment I am endeavoring to secure additional information relative to the Rev. Jarvis Buxton. I shall appreciate the cooperation of the clergy and laity.

NORVIN C. DUNCAN,
Historiographer.
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YOUTH --- THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW

National Observance Shows Youth's Place In Church Work

Youth Sunday, September 27, to be celebrated throughout Episcopal Church with special services, study of youth problems and offering for mission projects

Half million expected to share in annual event

New York, N. Y.—Young people to the number of a half million will pack Episcopal churches in every part of the country on September 27, "Youth Sunday," and share in services keyed to the needs, problems and opportunities of young men and women in this critical period of the nation's history.

The Rev. Frederick H. Arterton, executive of the Division of Youth, says, "The young people originated the idea of Youth Sunday and they are promoting it with the object of interesting and enlisting in a united endeavor the vast army of the Church's youth; and to make the whole Church youth conscious."

A feature of Youth Sunday is a special offering to be given to designated projects which young people have selected, and in which they are interested. These are: Beds and other equipment for the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, New Bern, N. C., an Episcopal Church institution for Negroes, in an area with a Negro population of 300,000 and inadequate hospital facilities; a building for a school in the town of Kothaguden, India, in the diocese of Dornakal,

where the Episcopal Church has a missionary, the Rev. George Van B. Shriver; funds for the training for the ministry of a young Mexican boy at St. Andrew's Industrial School at Guadalajara in Jalisco; Brazil; scholarships for young men in work camps; and the establishment of a fund to aid in travel expense of delegates who must travel long distances to attend the National Convention of Youth in 1943.

CHAPEL AT KANUGA DEDICATED

**Memorial to the late
Bishop Kirkman G. Finlay,
beloved friend of all young people**

Sunday, June 19th, 1942, marked a great day in the life of our Kanuga Conference Center, when the Chapel of the Transfiguration, a memorial to the late Bishop Kirkman G. Finlay was consecrated. The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, and President of the Kanuga Conference, was the consecrator. He was assisted in the service by the Rt. Rev. John Long Jackson, Bishop of Louisiana; 24 other bishops were present as well as the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, Chaplain of the Kanuga Conferences; Rev. John L. Pinckney, Rev. Rufus Morgan; Rev. B. Duvall Chambers; Rev. Lewis C. Melcher. Bishop Darst preached.

This Consecration climaxes the endeavors of a large group of people devoted to Kanuga, and shall ever stand as a witness to the esteem and affection in which the late Bishop Finlay was held in the hearts of a multitude of men and women from all walks of life. It was owing to his indefatigable efforts that the Center came into the strong and effective place which it occupies in the Church in the Carolinas, and in adjoining Dioceses. With no lack of recognition and appreciation of the many who have helped to make Kanuga possible, it can be said that he was the builder of Kanuga.

Much of the material used in the construction of the chapel were cut from the beautiful white pines on the grounds. There are a number of memorials in the interior, the outstanding one being a three-panel East window over the Altar as a memorial to Bishop Horner. It tells the story of the Transfiguration in stained glass.

At the consecration service a large vested choir, made up of the Conference members, provided a program of inspiring music under the direction of Mr. "Scottie" Robertson.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

A Young People's Choir has been organized at Trinity Church, Asheville, with more than 60 members. The choir sings with the adult choir at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday. There has been in consequence a greatly increased attendance of young people at church.

ST. GABRIEL'S, RUTHERFORDTON

St. Vincent's Acolyte Guild has very judiciously extended its membership to boys of other denominations. In consequence five new members have been added. Complete mastery of individual assignments around the altar is among the chief objectives. In order that the entire group may perform simultaneously, we are asking our friends to supply us with additional cassocks and cottas.

NEW YOUTH SECRETARY

I should like to take this opportunity of announcing to the young people of the Diocese that Bishop Gribbin has appointed the Rev. Tracy H. Lamar, Jr., as secretary of the Diocesan Youth Commission. As you may know Mr. Lamar has just begun his work in the Diocese, having finished at the Seminary of the University of the South this June, and is in residence at Shelby where he is in charge of the Church of the Redeemer. As the new secretary of the Diocesan Youth Commission, Mr. Lamar is available during the week, and has reserved Sunday afternoons and evenings for the purpose of visiting the congregations of the Diocese in the interest of the young people's work.

As Chairman of the Youth Commission, and in behalf of the other members of the Commission, I want to express my appreciation to the Bishop for giving to us Mr. Lamar to do part time work in this all important field. To the young people of the Diocese, let me say, rise up and give your best selves to our new secretary and make him know that you are whole heartedly with him in his endeavors to promote the United Movement of the Church's Youth in our Diocese.

BOSTON M. LACKEY, *Chairman,
Diocesan Youth Commission.*

NEW WOOD SHOP

Father Leach of Valle Crucis has announced that a gift has enabled him to purchase equipment for a fine wood shop to be the center of a boys' group of "workmen." Even before final plans for the shop have been completed, several orders for work have come in.

RECEIVES BEQUEST

When the will of the late Miss Janie Hughes Fox, communicant of St. James Parish, Hendersonville, was probated, it was found that she had left her house, twelve acres of land, and \$4500.00 to the Vestry of St. James Parish to be used solely for the purpose of a new Church building.

Before Miss Fox came to Hendersonville some thirty-five years ago, she and the members of her family were leading members of St. Peter's Parish, Charlotte. For many years she has felt the need of a larger and more adequate Church Building in Hendersonville, which every passing year accentuates, and her bequest was but the natural response of her heart and mind to that need. The Vestry of St. James is seeking other gifts to add to this bequest in the hope, that, after the duration, the new Church may be completed.

DIOCESAN NEWS

NEW RECTOR AT MORGANTON

The Reverend Charles Leavell of Norton, Virginia, has accepted the rectorship of Grace Church at Morganton, and will enter upon his duties October 1.

He succeeds the Reverend W. S. Stoney who recently left our Diocese to become rector of Grace Church, Anniston, Alabama.

Mr. Leavell was recently in Morganton and was greeted at the Parish House of Grace Church by a large and hospitable group of his new parishioners. The ladies of the parish served light refreshments.

Mr. Leavell will find a place for him in Morganton that gives large opportunity for work and influence, for his predecessor was of such stature as was to be missed not only in the town but also throughout the Diocese in which he served.

NEW VICAR

The Rev. Quintin E. Primo, Jr. took charge of St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton and Good Shepherd, Tryon on July 15. Father Primo began his ministry in South Florida. We are glad to welcome him to Western North Carolina.

ST. FRANCIS' PARISH, RUTHERFORDTON

An Altar of Remembrance has been erected in St. Francis' Church in honor of the young men of the Parish who are serving in the armed forces of the Nation. It is covered with a cloth of royal blue, and in front there is a large "V for Victory" sign made of white satin in the center of which is a United States shield. On the Altar stands a Roll of Honor suitably framed on which the names of the men are written, and in front of it there is a votive light which is kept burning constantly. To the right of the Altar stands a United States Flag, while at the back there is a red dossal, and over the Roll of Honor there is suspended from the ceiling a large wooden Cross. Each man from the Parish receives a Prayer Book and a cromium Cross; and at the late Eucharist on Sundays, immediately before the prayer "For the Whole State of Christ's Church," the names of the men are read.

On St. Francis' Day, Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate our tenth annual Patronal Festival at the eleven o'clock Eucharist. The occasion this year will be significant as the parish records states that "a service of the Holy Communion was celebrated in Rutherfordton in the year 1842." Nine years later St. John's Church was consecrated on the Second Sunday After Trinity in 1851 by Bishop Ives. The name of the Church was changed when the present Parish Church was consecrated on Ascension Day, 1900 by Bishop Horner and with his consent was dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi.

MURPHY VICAR IS ADVANCED TO PRIESTHOOD

Murphy, Aug. 31. (Special)—The Rev Grant Folmsbee, B. D., vicar of the Episcopal church of the Messiah, Murphy, was advanced to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, of Asheville, bishop of the diocese of Western North Carolina, at Grace Episcopal church, Waynesville in a service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Folmsbee was presented by the Rev. Raymond MacBlain, rector of Grace Episcopal church. The bishop's chaplain was the Rev. Westwell Greenwood, rector of St. James church, Black Mountain.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, of Franklin. His text was taken from second Timothy, 1-7: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." The processional was led by the choir of Grace church.

At the beginning of the service, Mr. Folmsbee was robed in the traditional white which deacons wear. After he was ordained, the chasuble, priest's rob, was put upon him. The Bible was delivered to him signifying his authority to preach. The chalice and paten were given as a symbol of the administering of the sacrament.

A number of Murphy persons attended the service. They were entertained in the homes of members of the Waynesville church.—*Asheville Citizen*, Sept. 1, 1942.

80 MEN IN THE SERVICE

There are now 80 members of the congregation of Trinity Church, Asheville, in the service of our country. One, Randolph Cooner, has given his life for the cause in the far Pacific.

VALLE CRUCIS

The Board of Advisors of the Valle Crucis School meeting on July 17, 1942 passed the following resolution:

"Inasmuch as in the face of the present national emergency the transportation problem has become acute, together with other contingencies incident to the war, therefore, be it resolved: That the Valle Crucis School be suspended until further notice."

The Board regretfully took this action having in mind the notable contribution made by the school under such leaders as Mrs. Hopkins, Miss Graves, and Miss Horner. Provision was made for Mr. and Mrs. Mont Glovier to remain on the school grounds. Mrs. Glovier will continue her work as a nurse and Mr. Glovier in addition to supervising the farm and orchard will see that the buildings will be kept in condition for reopening the school whenever that seems advisable.

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has placed many problems before the congregation at Valle Crucis. In order to discuss these problems, a parish meeting was called on Sunday, Aug. 30. The response was most encouraging. Over 100 were present. After the Communion a picnic dinner was held on the porch of the School. At the meeting in the afternoon various problems were discussed relating to the church school, altar guild, woman's auxiliary and the young people.

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MIDNIGHT IN THE TOY SHOP

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It was Christmas Eve and the busy day was over for the Toy Maker; she sat alone in the deepening twilight. Silhouetted against the blacker shadows, the deep, carved chair in which the Toy Maker rested reflected the glow of the firelight and revealed the loveliness of her face and figure. The braids of her auburn hair shone as a coronet of burnished gold; her eyes held the blue light of woodland violets; and the rose in her cheeks was as fresh as the bloom of the first spring arbutus. The Toy Woman had so wrought her dreams into happiness for little children that she herself was radiant even in repose.

Nevertheless, her face now wore a look of questioning pity as she thought of a slender, frail woman dressed in black, holding a small boy by the hand, who had almost been unnoticed among the gay Christmas shoppers. Before the Toy Woman could reach the two, they were lost to sight. Suddenly, she rose to her feet for she seemed to sense a presence. Looking apprehensively around the dimly lighted room, she saw only the few toys which were left out of all the year's carving. Many toys had been bought for rich city children and others for happy little ones in the country. She herself had sent many to little sick children and to some whose parents were too poor to buy toys for them.

However, Captain Kidd's treasure chest was still in its accustomed place under the window sill, the black skull grinning above the cross bones. In a corner stood a huge, wooden shoe. The carved figure of the Old Woman seemed to wear a proud look as she peered over its side, for grouped around it were doll children from all nations. On the shelf all to themselves, three sleepy black bears, the big bear, the middle sized bear, and the little bear stood beside three small beds. On a long shelf which stretched across the side wall was a wonderful sight. There rested an ark and beside it were Mr. and Mrs. Noah and all the animals in a long row standing two by two. In the chimney corner, the firelight illumined a beautiful manger scene. Here among the lambs and oxen, Mary and Joseph watched beside the Christ Child; while over all, hung a carved wooden star.

All of these toys were glad to be left in the shop, for they dreaded being taken out into the snow and into strange places. The Toy Maker herself was glad that they were left for she lived alone in her little home close by. The little unlighted house seemed so very lonely that she sat on among her toys. At last the fire had burned almost to ashes and the Toy Woman fell asleep.

As she slept the hemlocks along the river banks, the sturdy oaks and dogwood and tulip trees on the hillsides, as well as the evergreens on the higher slopes of the mountains surrounding the Pacolet River valley were bending beneath the weight of the blanket which the light, feathery flakes had woven over hill and valley. The Christmas stars looked down on a white world.

A bitter, cold wind swept the valley and piled the snow in great drifts. The toy shop and the Toy Maker's home which joined it were almost hidden in the drifted snow, for it covered even the iron rail beside the stone steps and lay deep on the sloping roof. Within a wood fire had burned to hot, red embers in the deep fireplace. As the fire burned lower and lower, the Toy Woman dreamed of the busy Christmas Eve and of the crowds which had thronged the shop all day long. Women richly dressed in furs, children, happy and eager, and men who gladly celebrated Christmas came again for their toys; but even in her dreams, that same sad face of the woman and her child haunted her.

At midnight there was a strange stirring through all the toy shop. It happened in the midst of her dream of the ancient legend how at midnight on Christmas Eve all the animals kneel in honor of the Christ Child that she felt a movement. Then it seemed that the star began to glow and that the lambs and the oxen knelt at the manger. Then all the children came from around the shoe and all the animals out of the ark and bowed to the Christ Child. Softly, from the corner where the star was shining, a strain of music seemed to float through the room. At this, the Toy Woman almost awoke. For an instant, she seemed to see a star shining and all the children and all the animals looking toward the manger. Then the room was dark and still.

The Toy Woman was now wide awake and listening to the frightened breathing of a little child. Puzzled as to its meaning, she waited motionless. The skull and cross bones on Captain Kidd's treasure chest moved gently. A small hand appeared, and then a tiny boy crept noiselessly from the chest and slowly made his way to the warmth of the fireplace.

Lighting a candle, she looked down into a pale, wan face framed in bright, blond hair. Troubled, blue eyes looked up to hers, as childish lips tightened to hide their quivering.

"How did you happen to be here?" she questioned in amazement as she drew the tiny figure to her.

"My mother," sobbed the boy, "brought me here when the shop was full of people and told me to hide in the chest. I thought it was a game and that she would come for me. And then I went to sleep. When I awoke, everyone was gone and the room was dark."

"Your mother was dressed in black?" questioned the Toy Woman.

"Yes," came the pitiful answer. "My father died, and then mother was sick and very sad."

Gathering the little fellow up in her arms, the Toy Maker told him that Christmas was for little children and that those who knew of the Christ Child took care of all little children. Again, she seemed to see a light glowing over the manger and to hear the

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Christmas 1942

There is a vast deal that all of us can do in the direction of promoting the content of the angelic message which came on the first Christmas night on the Judean hills. In fact, there is so much to be undertaken in our individual lives, that our Christmas duty to a war-torn world seems almost to take second place.

In the first place, we are surrounded with people whose hearts are near the breaking-point. We go for the first time into an attractive neighborhood and think how happy are the people who are privileged to live there. Intimate knowledge of the neighborhood, which we acquire later, leads us to the sad realization that nearly every house contains a tragedy. Much physical suffering has been alleviated since the First Century. We are inclined to believe that the sum-total of worry and frustration is greater.

A gloomy Christmas thought? A thousand times no, for it speaks to us in terms of glorious opportunity. We who believe in the Christ Child are His interpreters to a world. And the world's tragic need today calls on us all to improve our qualifications as interpreters. Surely, it is not a hard task. All that we are asked to do is to ask ourselves as to whether or not our own selfishness in any way disqualifies us for the task. The prime selfishness to be eliminated is that involved in not thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think. Desires for prestige, for adulation, for hoping that we are in any department of life the "big shot" mar the vision of the Christ Child that men could see in us. Understanding, sympathy, tolerance, charity in its Pauline sense all can be acquired and all will make us useful to our fellow-men. We know of men and women who in the presence of keen sorrow merely have to step into a room, and produce an instant reaction that takes people away from themselves and their heart-ache. Would you know how to act if suddenly called on Christmas Day into a home where word had come that a loved one had made the supreme sacrifice? There are so many people who could qualify, and God be thanked that it is so. The Church has not kept the Nativity down the centuries in vain. Her children

are constantly growing more kindly, more tender-hearted, more alert to ways in which they can help.

That, then, is the message of Christmas. More power going out from the Church's altars to meet human needs. More victories over self, in order that our fellow men may profit. As we kneel at the altar rail on Christmas Day, let us pray for a fuller measure of the Christ Child's power.

An Appeal

There is one appeal that THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN would like to call to the attention of all our people. It is the appeal of the Presiding Bishop's Christmas Fund for world relief. This fund is allocated most carefully by our Presiding Bishop to meet in some measure the most pressing needs throughout the world that are more particularly the Church's business whether it be the starving in Europe or the children in China. It is a Fund for the extension of mercy.

Will you not make an offering through your rector to this great Christmas cause?

The Call To the Ministry

Though we are so occupied at this time with the war, indeed, one might say because we are so occupied with the war, it is urged that young men take fullest stock of their talents in choosing the work to which some day they are going to dedicate their lives. The Christian ministry presents to the proper young men a challenge that they can not deny.

Recently, a two-day conference for young men was held in the Diocese of South Carolina. The purpose of the conference was to give a graphic and vivid picture of the ministry in some of its most interesting aspects. It is hoped that those who attended will have a better understanding of the work of the minister with whom they are so closely related in the service at the altar.

Most of all, however, it is hoped that the conference may result in awakening in some of the young men a vocation to the ministry. And it is hoped further that other opportunities of this kind may be furnished in other places.

The Coming of Santa

When Santa comes his sleigh bells go jingle,
His reindeers feet are all a-tingle,
And sometimes to them he will whistle,
Then away they will go like the down of
a thistle.
Sometimes I leave him a big piece of cake,
And in the morning it's gone, when I wake.
A Merry Christmas to the World!

—BOBBIE BRITTIAN (10 years old),
Appalachian School.

From Our Bishop

Christmas Greetings to the Clergy and Laity of Western North Carolina:

At this time when so much in the world is contrary to the spirit of Christmas, may I call to your attention a verse from the Gospel for Christmas Day, "The light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not." All the darkness in the world cannot put out the Light. Weymouth translates the verse, "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it." It is true today that "in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light."

Just as St. Paul in Romans 8 assures us that nothing (and he gives an impressive list of things that might) shall separate us from the love of God, so we assure ourselves that the Light of Christ will never be overcome by the powers of darkness.

May that assurance be of strength to us in our private and corporate life.

The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!

All good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

ROBERT E. GRIBBIN.

A Christmas Poem By NORVIN C. DUNCAN

The Christmas Star is shining,
Gleams of light Divine;
The angels now are singing
Within the Star's soft shine.
But if we catch their message,
And arrive where the blessed are,
We must obey and follow
The angels and the Star.

On the way are kings and priests,
Of whom we may inquire,
Of roads that lead to Bethlehem,
Where lies our heart's desire.
But if they in their blindness,
Have no answer to our prayer,
Through faith and love the Starlight
Within will lead us there.

O pity not those humble souls,
Who sleep in stables bare,
Who in their quest for God
The lot of the poor must share;
But rather pity those
In sheltered inns who are
So full of worldly interest
They cannot see the Star.

Our glory is the rugged road,
O'er which our feet are led;
Our joy is the power to see
The Lord in a manger bed.
What if our hearts and feet
Are hurt along the way?
We KNOW that the Star IS shining—
This is His Natal Day.

Treasurer's Report

Received By the Diocese of Western North Carolina From Parishes and Missions—January 1st to December 10th, 1942

Facing the Future with Faith!

For 1943 our figures for the Diocesan Assessment will be the same as for 1942—the Quota allotments will be somewhat higher, but the need is much greater, and this Diocese has never yet failed to meet the need and to put "first things first," and we believe 1943 will be no exception to the rule. Remember what St. James said, "Faith without works is dead," so in faith let us all work to make 1943 better than 1942.

To the right is the record for 1942 to date. Your Treasurer is in a receptive mood.

Verbum sap,

WM. M. REDWOOD, *Treas.*

A New Year's Resolution

Those who handle the Church's finances find their work made harder because it is apparent that many of the Church's contributors do not operate on elementary financial principles. Payments are slow and irregular, money intended for one object is marked for another, the exact weekly proportion of the pledge isn't in the envelope. Cheques of perfectly solvent persons come back marked "no funds." There is, however, one type of person who is the treasurer's joy. He pays by cheque, and his cheques are always numbered.

The worst foe of systematic financial habits is failure to learn how to keep a cheque-book and having learned, to do so diligently. The number of people who try to go through life without the help of this simple device is amazing. The result is that the amount of money that one has to spend becomes the X of our algebra problems. Not knowing where we stand, we spend disproportionately, then we become for a time financially embarrassed, and then those obligations that are least pressing have to wait. Because the pressure used to collect it is light, the first casualty is our pledge to the Church. Then we get seriously behind. Finally, the treasurer marks our pledge off the books as uncollectable. All for the want of a cheque-book, which costs us absolutely nothing.

No man should marry who can not or does not keep a cheque-book. Nor should he marry a girl who isn't willing to learn.

Any member of the Department of Finance will gladly instruct anyone who pledges to the Church in the science of cheque-book keeping, and will refuse to reveal the identity of his pupils. The line forms to the right.

| Assessment | | PARISHES | | Apportionment | |
|------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|------------|
| Made | Paid | | | Accepted | Paid |
| \$ 540.00 | \$ 450.00 | Asheville Trinity | | \$1,800.00 | \$1,305.94 |
| 144.00 | 24.00 | Asheville, St. Mary's | | 252.00 | 191.50 |
| 48.00 | 43.00 | Asheville, St. Matthias' | | 120.00 | 34.58 |
| 540.00 | 360.00 | Biltmore, All Souls' | | 900.00 | 614.44 |
| 72.00 | 8.00 | Brevard, St. Philip's | | 155.00 | 85.52 |
| 72.00 | 72.00 | Flat Rock, St. John's | | 144.00 | 144.00 |
| 120.00 | 60.00 | Fletcher, Calvary | | 300.00 | 184.85 |
| 180.00 | 165.00 | Gastonia, St. Mark's | | 594.00 | 591.16 |
| 144.00 | 108.00 | Hendersonville, St. James' | | 400.00 | 330.05 |
| 120.00 | 40.85 | Hickory, Ascension | | 150.00 | 55.89 |
| 144.00 | 132.00 | Lenoir, St. James' | | 300.00 | 249.94 |
| 48.00 | ..... | Lincolnton, St. Luke's | | 240.00 | 136.24 |
| 60.00 | ..... | Marion, St. John's | | 120.00 | 20.15 |
| 270.00 | 270.00 | Morganton, Grace | | 750.00 | 637.48 |
| 240.00 | 240.00 | Rutherfordton, St. Francis' | | 480.00 | 492.41 |
| 270.00 | 270.00 | Tryon, Holy Cross | | 650.00 | 610.00 |
| 72.00 | 72.00 | Waynesville, Grace | | 100.00 | 13.70 |
| 24.00 | 24.00 | Wilkesboro, St. Paul's | | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| 30.00 | 30.00 | Arden, Christ Church | | 65.00 | 65.00 |
| 12.00 | 12.00 | Asheville, The Redeemer | | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| 12.00 | 12.00 | Asheville, St. Luke's | | 19.00 | 23.00 |
| 10.00 | 6.00 | Asheville, Trinity Chapel | | 36.00 | 6.00 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Beaver Creek, St. Mary's | | 16.00 | 12.50 |
| 10.00 | 6.00 | Bessemer City, St. Andrew's | | 12.50 | 12.50 |
| 30.00 | 15.00 | Black Mountain, St. James | | 120.00 | 60.00 |
| 30.00 | 30.00 | Blowing Rock, Stringfellow M. | | 52.00 | 50.00 |
| 18.00 | ..... | Canton, St. Andrew's | | 85.00 | 8.30 |
| 6.00 | ..... | Cullowhee, St. David's ..... |  | ..... | ..... |
| 10.00 | 5.00 | Edneyville, St. Paul's ..... |  | ..... | 8.25 |
| 12.00 | ..... | Franklin, St. Agnes' | | 75.00 | 9.25 |
| 8.00 | 5.00 | Franklin, St. Cyprian's | | 12.00 | 15.00 |
| 10.00 | ..... | Glen Alpine, St. Paul's | | 15.00 | ..... |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity | | 12.50 | 21.60 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | High Shoals, St. John's | | 16.00 | 11.25 |
| 30.00 | 30.00 | Highlands, Incarnation | | 125.00 | 126.00 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Hot Springs, St. John's | | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| 20.00 | 15.00 | Legerwood, Chapel of Rest | | 63.00 | 58.48 |
| 10.00 | ..... | Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's | | 15.00 | 3.31 |
| 10.00 | 9.00 | Lincoln, Woodside, Our Saviour ... | | 15.00 | 1.82 |
| 20.00 | 1.00 | Little Switzerland, Resurrection | | 25.00 | ..... |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Morganton, St. Stephen's | | 15.00 | 2.40 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Murphy, Messiah | | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Rutherfordton, St. Gabriel's | | 12.00 | 16.06 |
| 10.00 | ..... | Saluda, Transfiguration | | 67.00 | ..... |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Shelby, The Redeemer | | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| 10.00 | ..... | Sylva, St. John's ..... |  | ..... | ..... |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Todd, St. Matthew's | | 6.50 | 6.50 |
| 60.00 | 60.00 | Valle Crucis, Holy Cross | | 180.00 | 224.93 |
| 12.00 | ..... | Morganton, St. Mary's | | 15.00 | 16.30 |
| 12.00 | 12.00 | Asheville, Grace | | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| ..... | ..... | Balsam, Holy Communion ..... |  | ..... | ..... |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Bat Cave, Transfiguration | | 63.00 | 59.14 |
| ..... | ..... | Blackstone, Mission | | 6.00 | ..... |
| 5.00 | 5.00 | Boone, St. Luke's | | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| ..... | 5.00 | Cashiers, Good Shepherd ..... |  | ..... | 10.00 |
| 8.00 | ..... | Edneyville, St. Peter's | | 8.00 | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | Dutch Creek | | 5.00 | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | Lenoir, Chapel of Peace ..... |  | ..... | ..... |
| 8.00 | ..... | Lincolnton, St. Paul's ..... |  | ..... | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | Lincolnton, St. Stephen's ..... |  | ..... | ..... |
| 12.00 | 12.00 | Linville, All Saints | | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| ..... | ..... | Micadale, St. Mary's ..... |  | ..... | ..... |
| ..... | ..... | Morganton, St. Elizabeth's ..... |  | ..... | ..... |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Penland, Good Shepherd | | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| 6.00 | ..... | Rutherfordton, Missions | | 6.00 | 7.17 |
| 12.00 | 7.00 | Upward, St. John Baptist | | 50.00 | 32.70 |
| 10.00 | | Valle Crucis, St. John Baptist | | | |
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DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocese finds itself at the busiest time of the year, occupied by these two primary interests: The Every Member Canvass and the Preaching Missions program. There are indications both in our Diocese and in the Church throughout the nation that the canvass this year will mark a step forward.

Trinity Parish, Asheville, has had a very successful canvass and expects to meet the additional Diocesan quota in the total amount of \$2000. Grace Church, Morganton, has just completed its canvass and the quotas for the work of the parish and for the work beyond were both oversubscribed. The Mission at Shelby reports an 80 per cent increase in its pledges for 1943. From St. Mark's in Gastonia there comes a similar and cheering story of a prompt and full subscription of a considerably increased budget for 1943, including provision for the requested quota increase. At Bat Cave, there is an exceptional report by the Rev. Mr. Saylor telling us that the work on the Church which was projected two years ago has gone forward in such a manner during the past three months as to make the former structure unrecognizable: a native wood ceiling over the entire inside, a new sacristy, a new kitchen, a new club room . . . and withal a new feeling of strengthened church life!

The Every Member Canvass is the annual opportunity for laymen to use their particular talent (the talent of business) to indicate their faith and interest in the work of the Church and the laymen who this fall have responded so adequately are to be congratulated for their work.

Preaching Missions

At Trinity Parish, Asheville, during the week of November 29, there was held a Mission by the Rector, the Rev. George Floyd Rogers. The Mission days were marked by services at noon and at 8 o'clock in the evening. Each service had the advantage of a well planned series of addresses with their titles conspicuously announced beforehand.

The object of the Preaching Missions is, of course, to add to the appeal of our religion to people outside the church. Perhaps the objective is just as well fulfilled in the instances of the churches at Morganton and at St. Mark's in Gastonia. In each of these places, evening services are making a fresh appeal. At Morganton, the services were begun at the suggestion of the vestry; at Gastonia, the services are the particular object for an enthusiastic group of young people.

Fontana Dam

The Rev. Grant O. Folmsbee has assumed his work at Fontana Dam. This is a new community of those who are constructing this dam under the auspices of the T. V. A. Mr. Folmsbee has charge of the religious program for the entire community. Help from the National Council has made it possible to take advantage of this unusual opportunity presented to the Church.

HOLY CROSS, VALLE CRUCIS, is celebrating its hundredth year this month. It was in December, 1842, that Bishop Ives sent the Rev. Henry Prout to do mission work in the Valle Crucis section. With the establishment of a mission and a school at Valle Crucis, the work expanded very rapidly. No special services are planned but it was interesting to note on roll call Sunday, December 13, that many of the names read from the rolls are those of descendants of the first members of our Church in Valle Crucis.

A MEMORIAL ALTAR, the gift of the Woman's Auxiliary of Easton in memory of a faithful member, Miss Mary Jenkins, has been installed at St. John's

Mission, High Shoals.

BAZAARS are running rife again throughout the Diocese and Trinity Church, Asheville and Grace, Morganton in particular report successful bazaars again this year.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The several branches of the Auxiliary are very active in their various churches and their interest centers around study of these three topics: Latin America (based on Ryecroft's book), "A Just And Durable Peace" (for which material is available from 281), and Mrs. Leavitt's book on Christian Education with a preface by the Reverend James P. Burke of Hendersonville.

The branch at Trinity, Asheville, had a very interesting panel meeting on Latin America that was held at an evening hour so that men could attend as well. It was a supper meeting in the S & W cafeteria.

The Second District had a very fruitful meeting in October at which Bishop Gribbin and the Rev. Mr. Taylor.

The branch at Canton reports a vigorous beginning with all commitments for the year (larger than previously) fully made.

At All Souls, under the leadership of Mrs. Creighton for another year, the Guild is fully started on a very complete and intelligent interpretation of the year's program and as usual the women are very generous with their gifts.

The Auxiliary in all places is marked with new seriousness in study and abundant life in its work.

The Youth Institute

held on November 20, at Trinity Church, Asheville, brought 78 young people, counselors, and clergy from 26 parishes and missions. The Institute was thoroughly planned and perfectly executed under the leadership of Mr. Lackey and Mr. Lamar with the Rev. Mr. Arterton from National Headquarters as the visiting chief. The young people have returned to their respective places with new knowledge and ability for leadership.

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THE TOY MAKER (Continued from p. 1)
soft music.

By the light of the candle, she caught the white gleam of an envelope which had been pushed under the door. Hastily breaking the seal, the Toy Woman read: "I am sick and am going to the hospital. Since I can't take care of Jack, I am leaving him in the toy shop because you, who love the children of others enough to spend your life making toys for them, will take care of this child although he is not your own." The tear-splotted note was signed: "Jack's mother."

Throwing open the door, the Toy Woman looked out into the night. But drifted snow had blotted out all footprints and the silence of the forest was unbroken. She glanced back and saw the little child, then peered again into the still darkness. The night was silent, the night was holy.

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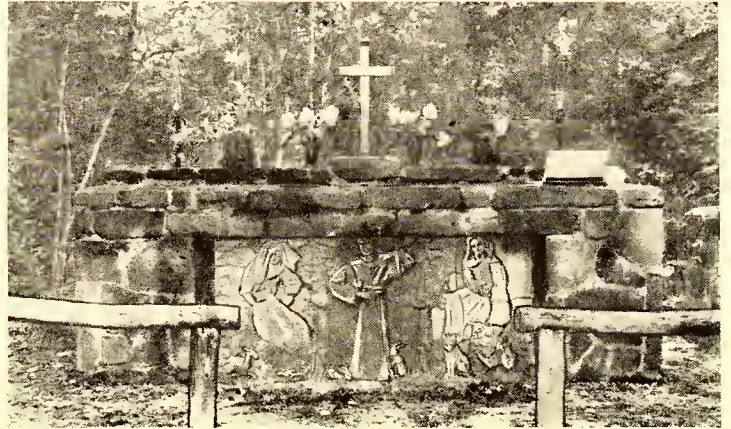
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KANUGA

Kanuga Conferences begin the sixteenth season this year on June seventh. On the Kanuga Lake property six miles out of Hendersonville, the program was initiated in 1928 on an experimental basis. In spite of inexperience and various adversities the season was so successful that the authorities of the Carolina dioceses of the Episcopal Church decided that it must be made a permanent conference centre for the Church. From its simple beginning the program has expanded until it ministers to the devotional, training, and recreational needs of various ages and groups in the Church.

The original property was a four hundred acre tract with the twenty-five acre lake, hotel, four annexes, thirty-nine cottages, garage, barn, pavilion, and waterworks. Since that time over eight hundred acres of additional land have been purchased, the waterworks expanded and renovated, the dam for the lake rebuilt after washing away, the Boys Camp built, twenty-five acres of land cleared and placed under cultivation for vegetables and farm produce, the flower garden established, some ten thousand white pines and other trees planted, the road through the property improved, expenditures made each year in keeping the property in repair and renewing the equipment, and various minor improvements made.

All this has of course cost money. But the dioceses which own Kanuga have not been called upon to meet the expense. In order to meet it and to make Kanuga what it is a debt of some \$26,000.00 has accumulated. Last year the Board of Managers created the Kanuga Association which gives an opportunity to all those who are interested in Kanuga and believe in it to contribute to a fund to take care of repairs and improvements. The Rt. Rev. John J. Gravatt, Trinity Parish House, Columbia, S. C., is in charge of this Association. It is the hope of the Board that contributions to the Kanuga Association will enable them to be freed from debt in the near future.



The Altar of St. Francis' Chapel, Kanuga

The Spirit of Kanuga

The spirit of Kanuga, with which those who have helped year after year are familiar, is the very reason of its existence. The constitution of Kanuga Conferences says, "The Kanuga Lake property is held for the purpose of advancing the Christian Life and Training of the Church's Youth and Adult Members by means of camps and conferences with rest and recreation in the midst of the awakening power and beauty of God's out-of-doors." This purpose has become concrete in the experience of thousands who have lived for two weeks or longer in the atmosphere of Christian fellowship and freedom and joy which Kanuga offers. Kanuga has been called an experiment in Christian democratic living.

Some find it manifested in the class room and in association

with the faculty and other leaders. Some find it in the cooperative spirit of recreation. Some find it on the trails in a more intimate understanding of the wonders of nature, in a mountain view, in the glories of dawn and sunrise from a mountain top. Many, many find it in quiet worship in the Chapel of the Transfiguration and in the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi in the woods by the stream among the birds.

The Spirit of Christ has become a reality to those who have seen the expression of it in the informal relationships with clergy and laity in the life at Kanuga, in quiet conferences, or in more quiet meditation. Part of this was in the vision of those who established Kanuga as a Church conference centre. Part of it has outrun that vision.

P R O G R A M

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

This season begins as usual with the Retreat for Women. It opens with supper at 6:30 June 7 and closes with breakfast on June 10. The Conductor is the Rev. Theodore N. Barth whose twilight services last year were so helpful.

The purpose of a Retreat is the re-ordering of the inner life on the basis of a closer union with God, a better understanding of His purpose for us, and a resolution to follow such spiritual

exercises as will enable us to realize that purpose. It is a special "visit with God." It is a period of silence and quiet meditation when one has an opportunity to listen to God. Devotional addresses are given by the Conductor for the general direction of meditations during the quiet times. Very few who have had the privilege of making a Retreat will willingly forego the opportunity of making it a regular practice.

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The Highland Churchman does not make a habit of "viewing with alarm." Consequently, we do not believe that the Church will suffer irretrievably if the movement for union with Presbyterians is either accelerated, slowed-up, pigeon-holed, continued or what not. The saintly John Keble, despite the fact that his closest friends had gone over to Rome, once stated that nothing could stop him from continuing to minister before an altar of the Church of England. Most of us love the Church so much and feel so proud over our privilege of being of her fellowship and active in her service that we simply can not contemplate her being injured by any body blow given in the house of her friends. In the light of the Church as a whole, we in Western North Carolina are small fry who can not hope to have much influence in the counsels of the Church, despite the fact that in General Convention we count for as much as the largest diocese. What we can do is to make of our diocese a happy harmonious unit that is unperturbed by issues that are so disturbing to some. No matter what happens at Cleveland, we will all be still here, doing our best to witness to the truth as we see it. Schools of thought there will always be, and these schools of thought will, as they have through the ages, continue to represent values the loss of which would make the Church infinitely poorer.

KANUGA

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES

The first Conference at Kanuga is the Junior Conference, June 11-24. It begins on Friday this year instead of Saturday to avoid the worst of the week-end travel. The Director is the Rev. William S. Lea, Spartanburg, S. C. This Conference is for boys and girls of 12, 13, and 14 years. Ever since its beginning it has been one of the most popular groups in the program.

During the period June 25 to July 9 two groups are in session. The Young People's Conference for the ages of 15 to 20 years meets under the direction of the Rev. John A. Pinckney, Clemson, S. C. It is the group with the longest history of any of those for the young people. It occupies the main buildings and cottages. A full program of religious instruction, recreation, and entertainment is carried out.

THE CAMPS

At the same time as the Young People's Conference, comes the Cub Camp, June 25 to July 9. It occupies the buildings at the Boys Camp. This is the most recently established group at Kanuga. It is for boys 10 to 11 years of age. It is a very limited and one of the most popular groups. Therefore, those who are interested should not delay to write to the Director, the Rev. William S. Stoney, Anniston, Alabama, for further information and registration blanks.

Midget Camp follows the Cub Camp at the same place July 10 to 24. Miss Margaret Marshall, 543 Glendalyn Avenue, Spartanburg, S. C., is Director. This is also a very popular group and the space is limited so there is always a waiting list. Write early for registration.

The camp for boys from 9 to 14 years runs from July 31 to August 28. The usual activities of a boys camp are carried on in a Christian atmosphere where the spirit of cooperation, group activity, and fair play are fostered. Nature study, mountain hikes, handicrafts, and water sports are emphasized. Adequate and trained leadership is given for the instruction, development, and safety of the boys. Further information may be secured from Mr. Morgan.

The young people in all the above groups (except the Retreat) should bring their own towels, sheets, pillow cases, and blankets.

ADULT CONFERENCE

The Adult Conference with the Conference for College Students and the Clergy School meets July 10 to 24. The Rt. Rev. John L. Jackson, 509 Louisiana Building, New Orleans, La., is Director. This Conference is said to have the strongest and most able faculty and staff of any Conference in the Church. It presents an unusual opportunity for train-

ing in various phases of the Church's life and work. It is well to send registrations to Bishop Jackson as soon as possible.

GUEST PERIOD

After these conferences are over July 24, the main buildings and cottages at Kanuga are available for those who want to come for rest and vacation. Those who are interested should write to the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Franklin, N. C. During the summer he should be addressed, Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, N. C. This Guest Period closes September 7.

TRANSPORTATION

During the coming season the City Bus Company of Hendersonville proposes to run a regular schedule from Hendersonville the six miles to Kanuga and to meet the trains and busses on which any number of people are expected for the Camps and Conferences. The charge is to be 25 cents per passenger and 10 cents per suit case or similar piece of baggage. This should be an improvement over any arrangement which has been possible in the past.

MANY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Voluntary service is one element which has contributed to the spirit of Kanuga. Waiting on tables, work in the canteen, at the waterfront, in the post office, on the athletic fields, in the class rooms, in the Church services, and in the infirmary has been done for the love of Kanuga and for the advantages gained in the common life of the place. On this basis perhaps more workers are required than would otherwise be needed. But it does bring people together in a relationship which encourages the experiment of living on Christian principles. The multitude of applications seems to indicate that the young people would prefer to help with the work at Kanuga rather than to come as "idle rich", paying their way in terms of money. And those who are responsible for the running of Kanuga are always glad of these applications, glad and grateful for the help offered.

This year many camps and some conferences will fail to open. On the other hand, times like this require spiritual leadership, training, and direction. Kanuga offers an opportunity to the Church to be of service in that realm.

DIOCESAN NEWS

On Whitsunday, June 13, young people throughout the National Church will make their third annual Corporate Communion. Within our own Diocese special significance is being attached to this Whitsunday Youth observance by a special offering to be made to the Bishop's Educational Fund. Each parish and mission is asked to share in this observance and to make a contribution through special envelopes supplied by the Diocesan Youth Secretary for the purpose. The offering will be used for the education of young men for the priesthood within our Diocese.

Family Week, May 2-7, was observed in the Diocese. Special observation of this nature was festively celebrated by the Reverend and Mrs. Mark Jenkins of Calvary, Fletcher, by the birth of a fine son at the Biltmore Hospital. We all join the Jenkinses affectionately in their observance of Family Week.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 21st annual convention of the diocese of Western North Carolina met in St. Mark's Church, Gastonia, on the afternoon of May 11th, and held afternoon and evening sessions, continuing on the following day with a service of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M., and followed by business sessions until adjournment at 1:30 P. M.

The Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, presided at all meetings, and was the celebrant at the service of the Holy Communion, assisted by the two deans of the Conventions, the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, and the Rev. Arthur W. Farnum.

In his convention address the Bishop declared that in these days the Church must stand for those things which

REPORTS AND BUSINESS

The Rev. Rufus Morgan reported a successful season at the Kanuga Conference last year, and predicted that this year would see one equally successful. He also presented certain needs in the improvement of the Kanuga property.

The Rev. Grant Folmsbee, in charge of religious work at Fontana Dam, a T. V. A. project, described the unique work he is doing there. He is serving a community Church, and the congregation has assumed responsibility for his salary.

The convention voted down an amendment to the diocesan canons which would have allowed the Bishop of the diocese to appoint lay delegates to the General Convention as substitutes for those elected by the convention who find they are unable to serve.

The delegates elected to the General Convention were, Clerical: Phillips S. Gilman, J. Preston Burke, Peter W. Lambeth, Arthur W. Farnum; Alternates: A. Rufus Morgan, George Floyd Rogers, Boston M. Lackey, Westwell Greenwood; Lay: William L. Balthis, F. P. Bacon, Edwin S. Hartshorn, H. V. Smedburg; Alternates: George Wiese, A. B. Stoney, Harry Lee, Manley Whitener.

The expected discussion of the Basic Principles as outlined in last month's issue of the Highland Churchman, did not materialize. It was referred to the committee on Faith and Order.

SPECIAL MENTION

The high spot in the convention was the address of the President of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Claude C. Dawson. She had a fine report to make for the women of the diocese, and she gave life and added emphasis to it by her own spirit of deep consecration, high vision, and eloquent speech. Her message was one of deep inspiration, and the devoted service of the women of the diocese shone through the personality of their gifted president.

We liked the remarks of Tryon's former Rector, the Rev. Charles McGavern, now a chaplain in the army. He told a very simple story of his experiences in the army, but it was deep in its suggestions and implications. It revealed the fine spirit of our soldier boys, their real interest in religion, even though somewhat inarticulate. But they have come to have a deeper respect for the Church, and they welcome the chaplains, most of whom have presented religion by living it out before the soldiers. Those of us who have been privileged to know Chaplain McGavern know one good reason that the soldiers like chaplains.

THANKS TO OUR HOSTS

Gastonia, and St. Mark's in particular, gave another demonstration of southern hospitality. The Rev. Mr. Gilman and his congregation were charming hosts, and they made our visit a happy one. They made us hope for a return engagement. Mr. J. C. Wooten, the genial manager of the Armington Hotel, put it at the disposal of the delegates, many of whom were entertained there, and the entire gathering enjoyed two de-

will remain, and called attention to a communication from the Presiding Bishop, presenting the challenge to the Church from the mission fields.

The Bishop's report revealed encouragement in the financial condition of the diocese, and the Convention undertook to increase its budget for 1944, chiefly to provide for increased salaries for the diocesan missionaries. Acceptance of the budget was referred to the Executive Council with power to act.

Another encouraging matter in the Bishop's address was the number of church buildings which have been repaired during the past year, with additions to others.

lightful luncheons there. There was much real fellowship in these gatherings.

PERSONAL NOTES

The irrepressible Rector of Trinity, Asheville, the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, in addition to being an expert parliamentarian, is a master of wit and humor, and in all social gatherings his presence is a guarantee that funny bones will be hit hard and often. He keeps vigilant watch upon the canons and constitution of the Church, and no one can get by him with an evasion. We've watched him in many conventions and we could safely record that in about 99 and nine tenths percent of cases he is right in his interpretations.

The absence of Mr. Haywood Parker and Mr. William Redwood from the convention, the first in many years, was most noticeable and deeply felt. There were many inquiries about them, and many expressions of regret at their absence. Another of the old faithfuls whose presence was missed was the Rev. Samuel B. Stroup, who was unable to attend on account of ill health.

The Rev. J. Preston Burke was reelected Secretary of the Convention, as was most fitting and proper. When it comes to "secretarying" Mr. Burke not only has the questions, but knows the answers. He is one of the most useful and beloved clergymen in the diocese.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance, considering the restrictions upon travel, was good, but there were absences of lay delegates which might be charged to lack of interest rather than restrictions upon travel. More women than usual appeared as delegates, a fact which somewhat proves the contention of those who opposed representation by women—that the men would pass on their obligation to the women. The women are not lacking in interest or ability, but the men should not shirk their responsibilities.

Woman's Auxiliary

The Annual Meeting

The Twenty First Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Western North Carolina was held in Grace Church, Morganton, N. C., May 19, 1943, Mrs. C. C. Dawson, President, presiding.

In the absence of the Bishop, due to illness, the dean of the Morganton Convocation, the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, celebrated the Holy Communion at 10 A. M., assisted by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Charles Leavell, and the Rev. W. C. Leach.

Following the celebration, the Convention began its business sessions, and greetings were extended by Mrs. Donnell Van Noppen, President of Grace Auxiliary. Mrs. McLeod Patton, of Asheville, responded.

The President's report was full of encouraging accounts of activities and accomplishments, and her message was deeply

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Woman's Auxiliary

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inspiring. She spoke of the changes taking place in our world today and of the many things which we, as Christians, have to do to meet the challenges. With this Convention her term of office closed, and she thanked the Bishop, the officers, the past presidents, and the Auxiliary members for their loyal support during her terms of office. A rising vote of thanks was given the President for her untiring services during her term.

By her ability, wise leadership, consecration, and constant activity, Mrs. Dawson has lead the Auxiliary to high peaks of accomplishments and has been an inspiration to the whole diocese.

The treasurer gave a most encouraging report, and presented the budget for 1944, which was adopted, including an amendment which increased the Cumulative Triennial Fund from \$50.00 to \$75.00.

Mrs. Whitener, of Hickory, Advance Work Chairman, reported \$227.70 received from the Advance Offering and recommended that the offering this year be used to repay a loan to the Bishop which he advanced to complete the repairs to buildings at St. John's and for repairs at Edneyville. This recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. Rufus Morgan spoke in behalf of the 1943 Conferences at Kanuga, and announced that a retreat for women would be held June 7-10, conducted by the Rev. Theodore Barth of Memphis, Tenn. The charge will be \$6.25. He also announced that bus transportation from Hendersonville to Kanuga would be available this year at a cost of twenty five cents per person and ten cents per suitcase.

Mr. F. W. Thomas introduced the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Fannie Gross, field worker from the National Council, who spoke on her work in the Fourth Province as well as the institute which she has been conducting at St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton. She reported that she had had a genuine response from the

Negro Missions in the diocese. All meetings were well attended, and on the evening of the Inter-racial program the place was crowded. Mrs. Gross said that we have a wonderful opportunity to extend our work with our Colored brethren. In the Fourth Province we have 150 Negro Parishes and Missions and only fifty Negro clergymen. One of the chief problems, she said, was the inadequate buildings for carrying on the work.

Following her address the Convention recessed, for lunch, and the members went to the Community Building where a delightful luncheon was served.

Reports of District directors were made at the afternoon sessions along with reports of other diocesan officials. The Thank Offering report showed an increase of over five hundred dollars so far for this Triennium over the last one and there is still the Fall Offering to come in.

The Bishop Tuttle Memorial Fund Committee reports \$105.03 received in the Diocese to date.

Mr. George Wiese told about Patterson School and his plans for the coming years. He announced a summed camp to be held there this summer.

The following delegates to the General Convention in Cleveland were elected: Mrs. C. C. Dawson, Miss Lucy Fletcher, Mrs. W. L. Balthis, Mrs. W. H. Wagner; alternates: Mrs. T. J. Wooldridge, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. F. P. Bacon, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. E. L. Glenn.

Thanks to Grace Church Parish for its gracious hospitality were presented in a resolution by Mrs. Dobbin.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. B. Stoney, Grace Church, Morganton; U. T. O. Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Wooldridge, Trinity, Asheville; Christian Educational Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Glenn, Trinity, Asheville; 5th District Director, Mrs. W. H. Hannon, Tryon.

In the absence of the Bishop, the Rev. Charles Leavell had the installation service, after which the meeting adjourned.

With a total of 143 present the one-day streamlined meeting was truly inspiring, interesting, and successful.

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DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

By The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan

Our Diocese is today confronted with the problems and responsibility of four church schools. Three of these schools are so financially insufficient that their future is uncertain. One of them was recently closed, because, during the present war emergency at least, it could not continue. Only Christ School is secure. What then? These four survivors of some 20 such institutions of the past have rendered distinguished service to hundreds of young people. Can they change with changing times sufficiently to justify their existence and serve as great a purpose as formerly, though that purpose of necessity changes?

VALLE CRUCIS

First, there is Valle Crucis, whose beginnings go back to the time of Bishop Ives. In August, 1843, he visited that section where sometime before he had placed a missionary, the Rev. Henry Prout, and was so impressed by what had been done that he decided to build a school and make it the center for missionary work in that section. Buildings were erected and pupils gathered from the surrounding country. It included training of candidates for the ministry, and these young men taught the lower grades and assisted the missionaries in their work. For a time it flourished, and played a useful part in the work of the Diocese.

Following the resignation of Bishop Ives, the school closed, the buildings decayed, the War Between the States came on, and only the efforts of the saintly Mr. Skiles held the work together.

In 1853, Bishop Cheshire, who succeeded Bishop Atkinson, revived the work at Valle Crucis, and when in 1898 the Missionary District of Asheville was set off and The Rev. Junius M. Horner was made the Bishop, he fell heir to the old foundations and the revival by Bishop Cheshire. Bishop Horner was an educator and saw the great possibilities of Valle Crucis. New buildings were erected, and a girls' boarding school established and Miss Mary Horner, sister of the Bishop, was put in charge. The valuable work she did there is well known throughout the Diocese.

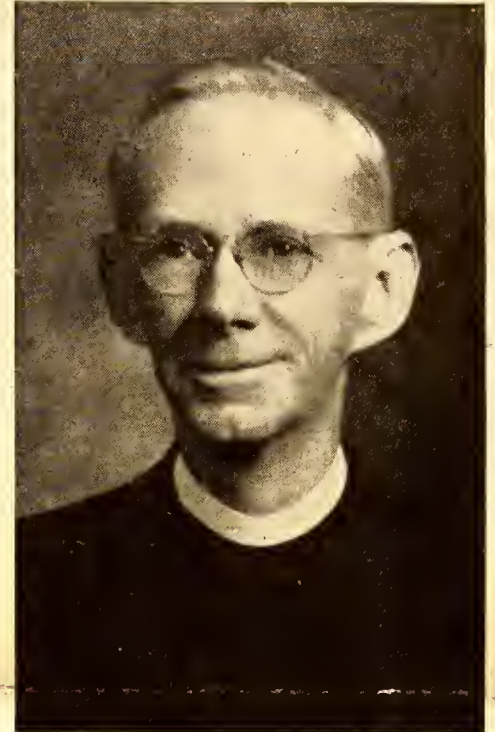
The Bishop endeavored to make the school's influence deeply and widely effective in that section. He planted an orchard, purchased farm machinery, built a dairy and cheese factory, and made the whole a model for the surrounding country. Improved farming methods soon appeared on farms adjoining the school, and the influence still goes on. The school had the first electric light plant in Watauga county.

The boarding school continued until recently when, on July 17th, 1942, the Board of Advisors passed the following resolution: "Inasmuch as in the face of the present National Emergency the transportation problem has become acute, together with other contingencies incident to the war, be it resolved: that the Valle Crucis School be suspended until further notice."

APPALACHIAN SCHOOL

Over in Mitchell county at Penland, N. C., we have the Appalachian School, which began in 1913, when Bishop Horner asked the Rev. Rufus Morgan, who at that time was in the General Seminary, to come down and take charge of a plant which he had bought from a man named Wesley Conley. This Mr. Conley had started a school there, but, being unable to continue it, sold it to Bishop Horner. Mr. Morgan spent his summer vacation there, working with the idea of establishing the school, and on graduating he entered upon that task. He served as principal of the school until 1917, when it was temporarily closed until after the war. At the close of World War I, Miss Amy Burt and Miss Lucy Morgan, sister of Mr. Morgan,

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reopened it. Miss Morgan, realizing the need for some form of work through which the mountain people might help themselves economically, began her experiments with handicraft, a work which brought Penland and the Appalachian School into national prominence. Later, Miss Morgan found it necessary to separate the handicraft from the school itself, and this part of the work has for some years been an independent enterprise.

The school was originally planned for older groups of mountain folks, but soon resolved itself into a school for young children, a combination of boarding and day school. At present there are about thirty boarding children. While Mr. Morgan was in charge he did missionary work in the surrounding country. Miss Burt was succeeded by Miss Catharine Califf, who continued until the coming of the Rev. Peter Lambert, who came as teacher and organist and was later put in charge and continues in charge at the present time. A deeply consecrated man, he is doing a splendid work.

CHRIST SCHOOL

Christ School, Arden, N. C., is not in the class of a diocesan problem child, as its present condition and future prospects fully maintain its reputation made in the past.

It was founded in 1900 by the Rev. Thomas Wetmore and his wife, Susan Allen Wetmore. Sharing together the missionary spirit, and deeply cognizant of the need for helping the mountain boys and girls to obtain something more of an education than the public schools of that day could offer, they decided to build a school and make it the center of missionary activity for the surrounding country. Their faith, struggles, and accomplishments constitute a glorious chapter in the missionary work of the Diocese. The original buildings and equipment were

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Bishop Gribbin Honored

Honorary Degree Conferred by Citadel

Bishop Gribbin was given a degree of Doctor of Divinity at the recent commencement exercises at the Citadel, military college of South Carolina, in Charleston. The citation from the Citadel reads as follows: "Robert Emmet Gribbin, bachelor of science, class of 1906, The Citadel; distinguished clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina; chaplain in the army of the United States; soldier of the republic; minister of God; prelate and gentleman;

by his love for his fellow men, his ministrations to all with whom he was associated; his example of Christian living; and his loyalty to his alma mater; he has made the world better and strengthened the hearts of the generation in which he lived."

The Bishop was present to take part in the commencement exercises and gave the invocation. Bishop Gribbin also holds two other honorary degrees; namely, the degree of S. T. D. from the General Theological Seminary in New York, and the degree of D. D. from the University of the South at Sewanee.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The New World

Did you ever stop to think that those who want justice, mercy, tolerance and racial co-operation in the post-war world are in an overwhelming majority. Privilege seekers, stand-patters, die-hards and turners-back of the clock really do not constitute more than one percent of the inhabitants of those lands whose privileges we wish to restore, or of the population of this country.

So with God on the side of ninety-nine percent of humanity, is it possible that His will for the world will not be done? It is a horrible thought that minorities have proven themselves able to thwart the will of God for a season. Shall you and I permit them to do it again when the guns cease firing? That is the real issue before every Christian today.

Our Church Schools

The historiographer of the Diocese gives us in this issue of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** a sympathetic account of our four diocesan schools. However, the account is not only sympathetic, it is in dead earnest. Except for Christ School, these institutions are at the crossroads. They cannot continue on old patterns and they must have fresh support and help both in finances and in the determination of policy.

The Patterson School gives promise at present because it is eliciting fresh support from a group of our most able laymen, who realize that the day of the church school is not over, but only changed.

The public school is now the enemy of illiteracy to a degree that the church school cannot rival, and if the struggle against illiteracy is still the only purpose of church schools, their purpose has been superseded. The fact is, however, that a new purpose for church schools now beckons us on. The training of leaders, not merely intellectual in its program, is the new opportunity and function of church schools, such training of leaders as will send a young man back to his

The Rev. Samuel B. Stroup (see page 3) has not only done outstanding work as a Rector, but for many years was active and influential in diocesan affairs. He has been on all important committees, has represented the diocese in General Convention several times, was Dean of the Morganton Convocation, and secretary of the Diocese for many years. The **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** extends congratulations.

KANUGA will be the same Kanuga again this summer according to present expectations and you are reminded of the fine account of Kanuga given by its head, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, in the May issue of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**. We are very grateful to Mr. Morgan for that account and we hope that our diocese, more than ever before, will participate in the many opportunities at Kanuga this year.

CAMP PATTERSON will be inaugurated this summer on the beautiful property of the Patterson School at Legerwood; the dates are August 2 to August 15. Boys between the ages of 8 and 16 are eligible at the moderate cost of \$20 for the full time. For a detailed account of Camp Patterson, see the Patterson School Supplement to the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** for April; address Mr. George Wiese, Legerwood, N. C., for further information.

The Convocation of Asheville will meet at St. Philip's Church, Brevard, on August 31-September 1. The clergy are urged to bear these dates in mind and secure the presence of two lay delegates.

Clergy Take Wives

Two marriages took place among the clergy during the month of June, and thus, in the opinion of your news editor, was added a considerable portion to the sum total of human happiness, to two clerics in particular, and to the enrichment of our diocesan family life.

On June 3, at 4 P. M., in All Souls Church, Biltmore, N. C., the Rev. Isaac Noyes Northup and Miss Josephine Manigault Gribbin were married in a beautiful and impressive ceremony, the bride's father, the Right Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, officiating. All Souls choir entered with processional hymn and rendered a program of lovely music, including the George VI coronation festival *Te Deum* by Vaughan-Williams and the *Wedding Chorus* from *Lohengrin*. At the conclusion of the singing of the chorus, the organist repeated the music appropriate to the entrance of the wedding party and the bride. The whole was a reverent setting for the marriage vows, and the reverent behavior of the large congregation witnessed to its impressiveness.

The other wedding took place in St. Andrew's Church, Greensboro, when the Rev. Tracy H. Lamar, Jr., Priest-in-Charge of the Redeemer, Shelby, N. C., and Miss Emilie Banks Apple were united in marriage, the Rev. William S. Stoney, Rector of Grace Church, Anniston, Ala., officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Vaché, Rector of St. Andrew's. The marriage service was followed by a nuptial service of Holy Communion.

Mr. Lamar is the head of the Young People's Work in the diocese and deservedly popular with the young folks. His bride, a trained nurse, has lately been serving in the Cleveland County Health Department.

BLACK MOUNTAIN: Preparations are well under way for the Annual Patronal Festival at Saint James' Church, Black Mountain, which will open on Saint James' Day, Sunday, July 25. There will be a Choral celebration of the Holy Communion at 11:15 A. M., and in the evening the Bishop's Visitation and Confraternal. On Monday night, under the

community, not only able to read and write but to pass on the art of community life and incentive which he has learned in the community that was his school.

For this purpose and its fulfillment, the energies and imagination of all of us are urgently asked, laymen and clergy alike, but particularly of those upon whom special responsibility is laid.

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Forward In Service

A clergy conference for the diocesan Forward in Service program was held at Kanuga June 14-15 under the leadership of the Rev. William H. Marmion of Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Marmion was successful in leading general discussions on the plans of the national Church and on the program for the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Nineteen clergymen of the diocese took part in this conference. At the end of the conference a committee brought in a suggested program for Western North Carolina for 1943-44. After discussion the following plan was adopted:

1. That the Department of Christian Social Relations and the Department of Promotion cooperate with the 1943-44 program of Forward in Service.

2. That the responsibility of the parish to the community receive emphasis.

3. That we recommend the emphasis of greater social consciousness through corporate worship and prayer.

4. We commend this year's material to parish organizations for programs and study.

5. A diocesan-wide corporate communion October 3 with intention for a finer witness of the Church in community and world relationships.

6. We recommend that each parish and mission undertake at least one new community project.

7. We plan that a clergy retreat shall be conducted for the diocese at Kanuga September 7-10.

The emphasis of the conference was Christian Community Service which is to be carried through the program for the coming year.

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direction of Miss I. Griffiths, the pageant, "The Holy Grail", will be presented in the church.

Other activities will include: community supper, Hill-Billy Party, and a musicale. The Festival will close with a Union Service of all the churches of Black Mountain on Sunday, August 1, at eight o'clock, at which time the preacher will be the Rev. Grady Hardin of the State Street Methodist Church, Black Mountain.

THE CHAPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION is picturesquely located beside a stream among the high mountains of the Blue Ridge, in the village of Bat Cave, N. C. Extensive improvements to the Chapel have lately been made, the interior ceiled, exterior reshingled, new windows and new electric lamps put in, an altar rail and choir seats added, the original altar lengthened, and a sacristy built with complete furnishings. This has been done at a cost of \$850.00, raised largely by subscriptions from members of the congregation and their friends. Gifts of altar ornaments, a missal stand,

and a rood-beam have also been made.

A Service of Dedication of these improvements was held on the afternoon of Sunday, May 2, the Rev. A. W. Farnum of Asheville being the officiant, assisted by the Rev. F. A. Saylor, priest in charge of the Mission Church. Clergy from neighboring parishes took part in the Service. Father Farnum preached. A large congregation was present, and all were afterwards entertained at tea in the adjoining parish house.

THE REDEEMER, SHELBY: At the suggestion of the Woman's Auxiliary, the congregation of the Redeemer has undertaken the task of refinishing the Church's furnishings. The original finish was put on in 1904 and in the course of years became dark and sticky. The suggestion to do this refinishing was responded to enthusiastically. Each Saturday afternoon finds members of the congregation dressed in their oldest clothes hard at work doing this much needed work.



Rev. Samuel B. Stroup

The Church of the Ascension, Hickory, held a special service Sunday morning, June 13th, in celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the rectorship of the Rev. Samuel B. Stroup, and the seventieth anniversary of the laying of the church's cornerstone. At the close of the service telegrams from many persons were read, including messages from the bishops of North and South Carolina, congratulating the rector and congregation. The Sr. Warden, Mr. T. M. Johnston, presented the Rev. Mr. Stroup with a substantial check on behalf of the Vestry, the Young People, the congregation, and from friends throughout the state. In response the Rector said: "I've spent so much time thanking people for kindnesses the past few months that I ought to be in practice but this overwhelms me. I wish I was half-way worthy of God's mercy and your kindness."

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

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PATTERSON SCHOOL

primitive, but the spiritual influence was strong, and the educational opportunities far surpassed the public schools.

In 1906 Mr. Wetmore died, and the work of carrying on the school fell upon his widow, and how well she carried out that task is familiar to everyone in the Diocese. She secured, in 1908, the Rev. Reuben Harris to take complete charge, and his twenty five years of labors were marked with great success.

With the passing of Father Harris, his son, Mr. David Harris, was selected by the Board of Trustees to become headmaster of the school. He accepted, and has carried on in the spirit and methods of his father with outstanding success.

The Patterson School in Caldwell county was described in a recent issue of *THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN*, and all that is necessary to say here is that the visions of Mr. Wiese, and his practical plans for giving expression to them deserve the full support of the Diocese and of friends of the school. Here we have an opportunity and a challenge which can not be passed by.

This brief survey of Diocesan schools and the financial problems involved naturally raise the question, "Why continue them? Have not the public schools removed the necessity for them? Why place this burden for education upon the Church?"

If it were only a question of education we think that the questions might be easily answered by suggesting sale of all the properties, and the discontinuance of the schools. But there are other elements involved which admit of no easy answer. The Church offers something which the public schools, in the nature of things, cannot give. Man is more than body and mind; he is a being with spiritual qualities which demand as much or more attention than his physical and intellectual endowments. Religion can be brought into the life of the Church's youth through these schools, and the past history of these institutions shows that their re-

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Woman's Auxiliary

Trinity Gives Party For the Men in Service

The vestry of Trinity Church assisted by the Woman's Auxiliary entertained service men and newcomers to Asheville in the Parish House. Enlisted men of the Flight Control Command, their wives, their secretarial staff, and convalescent sailors from the Naval Convalescent Hospital and Episcopalians who have recently moved to Asheville were guests.

A program of entertainment was presented and refreshments were served.

The Asheville Interdenominational Missionary Union, of which Mrs. F. W. Thomas (Trinity) is president, held a meeting on Race Relations, May 31st, at the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. D. Hiden Ramsey was the principal speaker. His subject was *Interracial Relationship*. Mr. Ramsey dealt with the Negro Race since that is the racial problem of this section.

Notes from the Meeting of the Executive Board, New York, April 30-May 3

UNITED Thank Offering amount in hand May 1st just over \$713,000, an increase of nearly \$107,000 compared with May 1940.

AMONG appropriations made by the Board were funds for the Rev. Kimber Den's rural work in China; Christian literature for women and children in mission fields; equipment, mostly teaching materials, from Arizona, Canal Zone, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico; repairs for North Dakota and Western Nebraska; many scholarships for summer study and a few for next winter.

Designated gifts have recently been sent, or undesignated funds allocated, by the Presiding Bishop's Fund to China Relief, to aid prisoners of war, refugees, Japanese American students, European children; to the Friends Service Committee; the American Bible Society; for Puerto Rico economic relief through Bishop Colmore; to war relief funds for Russia, Norway, and Poland.

THE National Council Treasurer gave the Board a brief preview of the 1944-46 Budget, presented next day to the Council, and the Board expressed its conviction that the women of the Church would do their full share in supporting it.

DEVELOPMENTS in supply work, in view of possible clothing shortage, were discussed at length.

CONSIDERATION of speakers, officers, committees, time tables, United Thank Offering budget, and other important points occupied much time at the recent meeting of the Board. Mrs. Stebbins and Mrs. Alfred M. Chapman of Asheville were present.

THE Committee on Tuttle School reported a resolution to be sent to the National Council asking the Council to relinquish control of the Tuttle School building and transfer it to the board of trustees of St. Augustine's College. The Board approved, expressing the hope that the college would use the building for religious or social work.

MISS Edith F. Balmford reported for the Church Mission of Help a continuing increase of calls for the counsel and service to young people.

Retreat for Women at Kanuga

The Retreat for Women at Kanuga, June 7th-10th, was conducted by Rev. Theodore N. Barth, rector of Calvary Church, Memphis. Mr. Barth led the retreatants to see perfection as a state of being not only proposed for all people by our Lord, but also surely promised by Him to those who will surrender their wills to God. The books read during meals spiced their religious teaching with a Christian sense of humor and may be highly recommended. They were, "Pilgrims Progress in the World Today" by Mackay and "The Screwtape Letters" by C. S. Lewis.

Diocesan Schools

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ligious influence justifies all of the expenditures and sacrifices involved.

The writer recently visited Patterson School with the purpose of taking a look at it, and making some effort to determine the value of it, and our other schools. What I saw added up to a new and higher appreciation of the school, confirming my own experience as a student in Christ School. One cannot fully evaluate the moral and spiritual influences of such institutions. I came away with the conviction that those who had given to Patterson and to the other schools made investments in things that are permanent. I felt, as I sat in on a service, the deep impress of the ideals, the spirit, the devotion, and the sacrifices of the long years. One saw, in the reverent attitude of the boys at worship, that out of those minds come vision, and out of those hearts come aspiration and hope, and on their lips are words of praise and thankfulness.

Today, as never before, we are witnessing the breakdown of many things that once seemed to us valuable and permanent, and we are more deeply aware of the values in religion and the values which come through it in our Church schools. All Christian communions today are emphasizing Christian Education, and the support of institutions in which such education can be given. From them we get our teachers, our clergy, and other Church workers along with a lot of laymen whose

good citizenship proves the value of Church schools.

Under recent canonical actions, all of our Diocesan Schools are under separate boards, and "on their own." Obviously, their full support is too much for a small diocese to assume, but there should be some plans whereby the Church's influence should be continued.

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THE CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH

By The Reverend Isaac Noyes Northup

A moment ago there was such a noise outside that I had to go to the window to investigate. Ten or a dozen sparrows were in commotion, gathered around some coveted booty. The booty appeared to be some scrap of something that each sparrow seemed to prize high, apparently very essential to each for the building or improvement of a nest. They pecked at each other and fought violently, boisterous all the while, until finally all had driven all from the scene of conflict, leaving the coveted treasure. Shortly after, when all had dispersed weary of the fight, one, able still to remember what the fight was all about, returned to the now deserted scene of battle, tugged at the little scrap, took it in his bill and flew quietly away.

Some of us fear that incident in the life of a dozen sparrows may be a parable. Not that this present war is waged without a cause, not that the energies of millions are being poured unreservedly into a meaningless fight, but the fear of many is that the cause will be lost sight of at the time of peace and that those who survive may be poorly endowed with the wisdom that belongs to victory, and may be so fight-conditioned that they be unable to return to the scene of former strife and pick up the things that belong to our peace.

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There are those who would interpret this whole war, like every other war, in terms of economics alone. Such an easy explanation is, of course, false. This fact is, however, undoubtedly true: without economic inequality of a flagrant sort, any war would be extremely difficult to promote. All the other people in the world are pretty much like you and me in that none of them is particularly interested in leaving his fireside and wife and children or having his sons and daughters do so, if he has a fireside to leave. Want of fireside and home and food and a reasonable way of living is the incentive to revolt and fight in order that he may get these things or at least the opportunity to get them. It is rather alarming, therefore, to know that 25 million people in this very prosperous country at this very prosperous time have an income of less than \$1000 a year. If such is the case here in war-boom America, what can we expect abroad? How can the people of Europe and Asia ever attain to a sufficiently decent standard of living so that they will not again cry, "We are the have-nots" and with that cry go into battle again.

Blame the Rich

There are those who say the rich are responsible for the condition of the poor. In 1936 I noticed in a very remote town tucked away high in the mountains of Montana that here and there along the main street was chalked this scrawling: "Let Morgan pay the freight." The name of Morgan had penetrated to that small town and into the minds of the village urchins. The social reformers who wrote on the walls of deserted houses in Montana are rather typical of a great deal of careless, off-hand economics. Many people entertain the idea that "soak the rich" is a large part of the cure of the poverty of those 25

million in our country whose income is less than \$1000 a year. They blame the rich for others' poverty.

This simple observation has not ever occurred to them: an industrialist can not become rich in the pursuit of his business unless there is a market that is itself sufficiently wealthy to buy his wares. Henry Ford is the great disciple of this obvious fact and it is for that reason that Henry Ford has always led the world in high wages and prosperity for those who work for him. He knows that only by making enough people able to buy a

Ford automobile is he able to create a market for his product. The rich in this country, the industrially rich, have been the great creators of the wealth of us who buy. Indeed, their wealth depends on their ability to increase the wealth of those who will buy.

The Problem of the Poor

The solution of the problem of the poor would benefit the rich as much as it would the poor. It is the problem of millions of people who have not "caught on," who haven't got it in them to "take hold" according to present opportunities. A few days ago a young man 18 years old was looking for a job hereabouts who could not even write his name. You know the record of illiteracy in these mountains. This is the question that illiteracy asks us to answer: How can such people ever become a part of the buying public whose standard of living industry is anxious to raise for its own benefit in order to increase its market.

Religious Problem

This problem of the disinherited is religious. For industry has no ability whatsoever to deal with it. Indeed this is the definite limitation of industry: it can only enlist those who are ready to follow its lead. Can you expect more? Can you expect the industrialist to reconstruct humanity? Is that a reasonable demand? However, if the level of intelligence and character could be extended to include the illiterate and the unskilled, there would follow inevitably an increase in industry to employ them, and so to produce a whole new buying group.

I believe that illiterate boy's problem is a religious problem. Illiteracy goes back to the home and to parents, so that one might say that boy was born illiterate as truly as the young man of the Bible story was born blind. His cure is going to be a miracle as much as the other's was, for his situation is beyond the reach of our present ability to help.

Let us be sure we understand who these 25 million are. They are not the victims of technology thrown temporarily out of work by the invention of a new machine that takes their place. They are not the temporarily unemployed because of periodic depressions. Most of all they are not the pioneers of which we boast nor do they have that spirit. They did not cross the seas in the face of hardship and by sheer grit find a haven on these shores. They are the unheroic people to whose level we are all in danger of reverting. Two generations from now your grandchildren, even

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In this brief article, the Rector of All Souls speaks of the 25 million who in this prosperous time are still the disinherited of our land without the necessities of decent living. In his analysis, he exonerates the capitalistic system, presents the problem as essentially spiritual and in the realm of character, and challenges the Church as the proper and only possibility of help.

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DIOCESAN NEWS

WAYNESVILLE, GRACE CHURCH: The Rev. Robert G. Tatum, formerly of Alaska and Marietta, Ga., has accepted a call to Grace Church. Mr. Tatum was a missionary in Alaska for a number of years, and had the honor of being with Archdeacon Stuck when he climbed Mount Denali (Mt. McKinley). For several years he was Supt. of the Tenana Missions.

The **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** extends to Mr. Tatum a hearty welcome to the Diocese, and trusts that he will find both Parish and Diocese congenial places in which to live and work.

Grace Church suffered a great loss in the passing of Mr. Hardie Turner, who has served as organist for many years with faithfulness and devotion. Mr. Turner, a native Morgantonian, was a talented musician, and studied in England and in Germany. He taught and composed music. From the proceeds of one composition he purchased the handsome pews now in Grace Church. The kindness and generosity of this quiet, retiring man were manifested in many ways, but with characteristic humility he did his good deeds without publicity. Recently, he donated an organ to a colored church. He was a lifelong member of Grace Church, to which, as noted above, he devoted the best of his life. The funeral service was conducted by his former Rector, the Rev. William S. Stoney.

The Rev. Joseph R. Clair, rector of Holy Cross Church in Tryon, reports that his parish sent \$355.70 to the Army and Navy Commission.

The Convocation of Asheville will meet at St. Phillip's Church, Brevard, August 31-September 1.

MORGANTON: The Rector of Grace Church, the Rev. Charles Leavell, is spending the month of July at Camp Alleghany, Greenbrier county, West Virginia. He is camp chaplain.

During his absence a former Rector, the Rev. William S. Stoney, supplied for one Sunday, and was given a warm welcome by his former parishioners and by the community. At a joint evening service, in which all of the Morganton churches participated, Mr. Stoney preached the sermon. In the large congregation were several troops of Boy Scouts, who attended in honor of Mr. Stoney, who, while Rector of Grace Church, was active in the Scout movement.

TRINITY, ASHEVILLE: The National Treasurer "Came to Town" a few Sundays ago, and attended service at Trinity Church. Sitting in the vestry room just before the service, looking very well and happy, he said that collections were most encouraging! Mr. Franklin was on the staff at Kanuga Conference for Clergy and Laymen. Also, he was the preacher at All Souls Church on Sunday morning, July 18th.

The Rector of Trinity, the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, was invited to the Methodist Conferences at Junaluska to deliver an address on sea shells, a subject in which Trinity's rector is eminently qualified. His address was preceded by one by the noted writer, Mr. Archibald Rutledge. Junaluska's Bulletin paid fine tribute to both speakers.

KANUGA: "Overflowing" is the word for it. This year Kanuga has been taxed to the limits of its physical capacity to care for the large number of conference members. Likewise, the conference programs have been of a high order, and in classes and meetings the members have been deeply inspired. This deepening of

the spiritual life will have overflowings in renewed parish life as the members return to their several parishes and missions. Comparison of figures will show something of the character of this year's conferences:

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| | 1942 | 1943 |
| Junior Conference | 281 | 367 |
| Young People's Conference - | 269 | 333 |
| Adult, College, and | | |
| Clergy Conferences | 392 | 438 |

GASTONIA, ST. MARK'S: Nearly fifteen per cent of St. Mark's entire communicant strength is now serving in the Armed Forces, with a further number absent in other forms of war work. The young people's activities have had to be almost completely reorganized and worked out with younger groups.

New memorial chancel furnishings are being provided, not only for present need but also for the prospective requirements of a new church building. A beautiful pulpit was dedicated on Easter Day "to the glory of God and the memory of John Council Wooten, jr." A new chancel prayer book is "In loving memory of Nancy Darlington Young." A lectern, matching the pulpit, will be installed at an early date. Other memorials are anticipated.

St. Mark's Church School is closed for the summer, but a kindergarten is conducted during the morning service hour as a convenience to parents.

A regional Brotherhood of St. Andrew meeting is scheduled for July 19, to be addressed by the field secretary, Mr. Verne Swartsfager.

The rector of St. Mark's is participating in the Sunday night union services of the Gastonia churches, as well as in the radio Bible presentation being conducted weekly by the Gastonia Ministers' Association.

Three Questions

A clear thinker on national and world problems recently propounded the following:

1. When we fight against Japan, do we fight a racial war, a war for the maintenance of European imperialism in Asia, or do we fight for the freedom of Asia from ourselves?
2. When we fight on the side of Russia do we fight on her side because it is useful for us to do so for the time being, but with the intention to exclude her once more from European affairs, or do we acknowledge seriously her right to determine on an equal basis with the western nations the destiny of Europe and Asia?
3. When we fight in Europe do we intend to come as punishers, educators, cultural and economic conquerors in order to actualize the "American Century", or do we come in order to help Europe to survive and to be re-established in new forms and for a new future.

We would do well indeed if we gave these questions serious consideration. The propounder of them indicates clearly what is the Christian solution. We believe that the way to discuss them is not so much through formal study groups as in conversations in odd moments at meetings of Convocation and other gatherings, on occasions when a few clergy happen to be gathered together, or in bull sessions after vestry meetings.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

In commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the election of Bishop Gribbin, which took place in St. Francis' Church, Rutherfordton, in October 1933, the congregation has presented him with a complete set of the New Oxford Dictionary containing thirteen volumes. This dictionary was compiled over a period of many years by the most competent scholars in America and Great Britain, and is considered the last word in the use and meaning of the English language.

The Challenge to the Church

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your sons, may help to increase their number. Progress is a precarious thing and we are all in danger of reverting to the lower level from which we have been raised. And once a man reverts to that level so that he is born of parents that do not even see that he learns to write his name, we can save our breath about "opportunity" and "freedom" because he starts too far back to have any idea of what we are talking about.

Will the Church do it?

You may well wonder if the Church will be equal to the task of raising up these 25 million people who are approximately one-fifth of our population. Certainly the Church is not committed to the task at present. The Church shares fully the temper of our contemporary economics: Let those who can climb aboard. Indeed, the Church is often in the forefront of those who condemn the inadequate not as the victims of insurmountable obstacles but rather guilty of the sin of indolence.

The Church does worse than that. Even on the higher level, among those who are fit, the Church proceeds on the minority principle. If your church is average, one person in three in your membership supports the work of your church. Among those who give their support, there is an even smaller chosen few who bear the bulk of the load.

You have good reason to doubt that the Church will solve the problem of those who do not "belong" in our economic life, when it has never solved the problem of those in its pews on Sunday who do not "belong." The Church is part and parcel of our whole contemporary psychology: it gives leadership only to those who are able to climb aboard.

It takes stuff to respond to the call of life on the level of Christian principles and in your pews on Sunday morning 2 out of 3 haven't the stuff. They do not "belong." The Church, however, can not beg off, as industry very properly can, by saying it is incapable of making men.

This is frankly a condemnation of our Christianity I mean to make. We, like industry, are producing only for our market. We are not building a market. Our whole church program is gauged to our present resources: one out of every three of those actually within our doors, while in the nation only 53% are even nominally men of Christ.

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Many people are looking to the clergy for a solution of our economic ills. They look in vain: First, because there is no group of men less capable of the technicalities of our economics than the clergy; secondly, because the Church is itself a victim of the disease of being content with managing with what we have. While one-fifth are disfranchised so far as economic prosperity is concerned, 47% are disfranchised concerning Christian living. The common claim that such figures are unfair because it is just as easy to be a Christian outside the Church as in it only testifies to how nonchalantly we are ex-hausting our Christian heritage without any thought of replenishing at the source. It behooves the Church to bring these people back, to stop getting along with what we have.

If the Church were to pursue its plain duty and earnestly seek men as if it were in desperate need of them, it would learn how to make those outside come in and how to get those inside to "belong." That lesson would be such a lesson in reconstructing as could be applied to those 25 million who are neither "in" nor "on." And the problem of those disfranchised 25 million solved at its religious source would be solved in every other way. A reconstructed man is a reconstructed man able to find his place in his world all along the line.

The Church might well adapt the parable of the lost sheep to fit its present situation; call it the parable of the two-thirds to describe church-goers or of the 47% to describe the altogether unchurched and then act as the parable suggests.

News from the Home Front

Being a little digression concerning Diocesan Finances

Below is given the first account we have published of our Assessment, Quota and the payments on these for 1943—a six months statement to which we invite your perusal and careful consideration.

As usual the children of the Sunday School led the way—the Lenten Offering to date being nearly \$830, with some places yet to report. If any Treasurer is holding back any Lenten Offering money, please let same come forward promptly for, as you know, this counts as a credit on your Quota.

Last November our Finance Department sent out the figures for the Assessment (same as 1942) and at the request of our Presiding Bishop Tucker an increase was asked in our Apportionment or Quota. About 70% of our people have accepted the figures given, some by 22%, some by 11% and a few others retained the old 1942 figures—about 30% have not yet been heard from; however, the response has been gratifying and in most cases payments have been coming in in a very satisfactory manner.

Our pledge to the National Council for the year 1943 is \$5,500.00, in which are included the contribution of this Diocese to British Missions and other money to worthy causes in the discretion of our National Council. The Treasurer of the National Council, Dr. Lewis B. Franklin, spoke at All Souls Church on Sunday, July 18th, and delivered a splendid message

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| \$ 540.00 | \$ 225.00 | Asheville, Trinity | \$2,000.00 | \$ 822.28 |
| 144.00 | 60.00 | Asheville, St. Mary's | 266.40 | 223.00 |
| 48.00 | — | Asheville, St. Matthias | 133.20 | 12.13 |
| 540.00 | 270.00 | Biltmore, All Souls | 900.00 | 379.95 |
| 72.00 | 36.00 | Brevard, St. Philip's | 172.05 | 17.50 |
| 72.00 | — | Flat Rock, St. John's | 144.00 | — |
| 120.00 | 30.00 | Fletcher, Calvary | 363.00 | 133.35 |
| 180.00 | 90.00 | Gastonia, St. Mark's | 724.68 | 516.31 |
| 144.00 | 72.00 | Hendersonville, St. James | 450.00 | 280.58 |
| 120.00 | 37.38 | Hickory, Ascension | 222.00 | 70.57 |
| 144.00 | 60.00 | Lenoir, St. James | 432.90 | 262.38 |
| 48.00 | 12.00 | Lincolnton, St. Luke's | 190.00 | 98.00 |
| 60.00 | — | Marion, St. John's | 146.52 | 13.75 |
| 270.00 | 270.00 | Morganton, Grace | 915.00 | 1,004.28 |
| 240.00 | 120.00 | Rutherfordton, St. Francis | 530.00 | 265.00 |
| 270.00 | 270.00 | Tryon, Holy Cross | 793.00 | 600.00 |
| 72.00 | — | Waynesville, Grace | 50.00 | 13.00 |
| 24.00 | 12.00 | Wilkesboro, St. Paul's | 99.90 | 50.00 |
| 30.00 | 30.00 | Arden, Christ Church | 65.00 | — |
| 12.00 | 6.00 | Asheville, The Redeemer | 36.82 | 19.00 |
| 12.00 | 6.00 | Asheville, St. Luke's | 20.54 | 14.00 |
| 10.00 | — | Asheville, Trinity Chapel | 41.07 | — |
| 10.00 | — | Beaver Creek, St. Mary's | 17.76 | — |
| 12.00 | — | Besemer City, St. Andrew's | 15.00 | 8.27 |
| 30.00 | — | Black Mountain, St. James | 138.75 | — |
| 30.00 | — | Blowing Rock, Stringfellow M. | 80.00 | — |
| 18.00 | — | Canton, St. Andrew's | 94.35 | — |
| 6.00 | — | Cullowhee, St. David's | — | — |
| 10.00 | — | Edneyville, St. Paul's | 20.54 | 10.43 |
| 12.00 | — | Franklin, St. Agnes | 83.25 | — |
| 15.00 | 3.00 | Franklin, St. Cyprian's | 10.00 | 8.05 |
| 10.00 | — | Glen Alpine, St. Paul's | — | — |
| 10.00 | — | Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity | 12.50 | 20.00 |
| 10.00 | — | High Shoals, St. John's | 19.52 | 7.00 |
| 30.00 | — | Highlands, Incarnation | 138.75 | — |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Hot Springs, St. John's | 5.00 | 12.00 |
| 20.00 | 5.00 | Legerwood, Chapel of Rest | 69.93 | 32.05 |
| 10.00 | — | Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's | 16.65 | — |
| 10.00 | — | Lincoln, Woodside, Our Saviour | 17.21 | — |
| 20.00 | — | Little Switzerland, Resurrection | — | — |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Morganton, St. Stephen's | 16.65 | 6.00 |
| 10.00 | — | Murphy, Messiah | 17.76 | — |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Rutherfordton, St. Gabriel's | 16.65 | 23.35 |
| 10.00 | — | Saluda, Transfiguration | 74.37 | — |
| 10.00 | — | Shelby, The Redeemer | 24.42 | 16.06 |
| 10.00 | — | Sylva, St. John's | — | — |
| 10.00 | — | Todd, St. Matthew's | 7.22 | 7.00 |
| 60.00 | 30.00 | Valle Crucis, Holy Cross | 210.90 | 116.88 |
| 15.00 | — | Morganton, St. Mary's | 18.30 | 23.35 |
| 12.00 | — | Asheville, Grace | 22.20 | 28.93 |
| — | — | Balsam, Holy Communion | — | — |
| 10.00 | — | Bat Cave, Transfiguration | 69.93 | 56.00 |
| — | — | Blackstone, Mission | — | — |
| 5.00 | 5.00 | Boone, St. Luke's | 16.65 | 21.86 |
| 5.00 | — | Cashiers, Good Shepherd | 5.00 | — |
| 8.00 | 2.00 | Edneyville, St. Peter's | 9.44 | 2.00 |
| — | — | Dutch Creek | — | — |
| — | — | Lenoir, Chapel of Peace | — | — |
| 8.00 | — | Lincolnton, St. Paul's | 8.88 | — |
| — | — | Lincolnton, St. Stephen's | — | — |
| 12.00 | — | Linville, All Saints | 13.00 | — |
| — | — | Micadale, St. Mary's | — | — |
| — | — | Morganton, St. Elizabeth's | — | — |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Penland, Good Shepherd | 25.00 | 64.95 |
| 6.00 | 6.00 | Rutherfordton, Missions | 7.22 | — |
| 12.00 | 6.00 | Upward, St. John Baptist | 55.50 | 24.60 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Tryon, Good Shepherd | 11.66 | 16.00 |
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The Woman's Auxiliary

Today the chief interest of the Woman's Auxiliary is the Triennial Meeting at the General Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, October 2-9. The theme of that Convention is the task of the Church in bringing in the Kingdom of God. The advance notice of the meeting, which comes from the National Council of the Woman's Auxiliary, says:

"Today the gift of God's Kingdom may come to more of this world if we give ourselves to the task that is ours. God is again speaking to men in the very fire and thunder of the destruction that is abroad. Again paths are being made straight and the way of the Lord is being prepared.

The task of the Church is to bring in the Kingdom of God. All Christian programs and movements have this purpose as the ultimate goal. FORWARD IN SERVICE has chosen as the 1943-44 theme, SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

News from the Home Front

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as he always does. We wish that more members of our Diocese could have been present to hear him.

In this busy war-mad world of today let us pause for a few moments and reflect that the work of the Church in our Diocese must continue to go forward. Let us put first things first and remember that God loves a cheerful giver and give to Him of the bounty He has given us. Money is but a medium, a means to an end, but money is necessary and properly used can accomplish great good.

In this country money was never more plentiful than it is today and while we believe that all's right with the world and that God's in His Heaven, remember that

The Triennial Program

A series of addresses and conferences will present the world situation and the work of the Church both at home and abroad. Round table discussions will follow these addresses. The story of the Church at home will include such problems as Japanese resettlement, camp communities, American migrants. Opportunity will be given in section meetings for discussion of the matters that are to come before the Convention for action.

Matters For Action

Some of the matters to come before the Triennial are the United Thank Offering Budget, Supply Work policy, and consideration of the name, Woman's Auxiliary. The disposition of the 1943 Offering will be considered, and attention will be given to methods of supply work. The report on the name, Woman's Auxiliary, will be made in carrying out a resolution of the 1940 Triennial, and it is hoped that the delegates will carefully consider it before going to Convention.

Restrictions

War Time conditions make it necessary for the General Convention to set certain restrictions, some of which are:

No big opening service.
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APPALACHIAN SCHOOL

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My dear Mr. Duncan:

I was very much interested in your article in the last issue of the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN about the Diocesan Schools, and in regard to it I am addressing you as an editor. In your mention of me personally, you make me blush, and I trust with the help and prayers of others I may be able to carry out what seems to be expected of me, and in which I am entirely wrapped up.

However, some of your statements, and those of the writer of the editorial entitled OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS are misleading and somewhat out of date for a couple of years.

To say that the Diocese is confronted with the problems and responsibility of four schools is an anomaly: that is if I can read the attitude of the Diocese at Convention, which is or should be an expression of its corporate mind. As a Diocese I would say, it does not give a rap about any of the schools. Individuals do, naturally, but as a group it should hang its head in shame that it may be letting the very opportunity it has in its hand die. That any of the schools have survived, is not because of the interest and support of the Diocese, but in spite of it, and with the help of the National Council until recently, and by the dint of perseverance of individuals. As near as I can gather, there was never a time that the Diocese carried them; the Bishop alone, and they continued to be a bone of contention between him and the Diocese. The situation was not much assisted when a few years ago the schools were to be supervised by a department of the executive council. This nominal supervision looked well on paper, but never once as a committee did they visit the school (a member or two of it, yes) nor were we given any counsel or advice that might be ordinarily expected. In one way it was very nice to be felt that as individuals we were being trusted and allowed our own way of working out problems, but it was small consolation to know that there were some who would sign a note if such became necessary. We were allowed to muddle through.

As for the question whether we can change with the changing times sufficiently to justify our existence and serve as great a purpose as formerly, though that purpose of necessity changes, indicates that our policies have not been very carefully observed during the last ten or fifteen years. As for being in a crisis, my whole life here has been living from one crisis to another (I feel I must be becoming a Barthian in fact if not theology) and as long as we depended on nominal outside advice we remained in the same rut.

As for the absolute necessity of Church schools in a Christian civilization there was not the least doubt in the mind of any of the staffs. It was for that reason that the heads of

Patterson, Valle Crucis and Appalachian sought to have a canon enacted by the convention of the Diocese to give them a freer existence, not that we sought to get away from the control of the Church in any way, but to allow freer action when necessary, and to set up individual Boards who would meet with us on the grounds. There was no such "canonical action" as you state; simply a resolution at the convention of 1941 at Lincolnton—(Appendix 24, P. 77 Journal of Conv. 1941). You further state that there should be some plans whereby the Church's influence should be continued. May I ask what is implied by that?

By the very nature of things in themselves the property is owned by the Diocese and is under the complete control of the trustees as much as any mission property or Church. Further we are to make and present a budget for each ensuing year, which was never required previously: and submit a report as formerly. If these latter are not printed as fully as in the past, it has nothing to do with the new management, but at the request of the Secretary of the Diocese who complained that their lengthy details took up too much space in the JOURNAL. A four or five page detailed report is supplied to Bishop and Board members, and any one who requests one is more than welcome to a copy regardless of his connection with the schools.

If the Church at large, or the Diocese can extend its influence to assist us in any way I for one would more than welcome it, but the publicity and assistance of the past few years from that source has been negligible and leaves much to be desired. There are and always have been a few generous individuals who continue to assist us when they can, and it is with their aid that we manage to scrape together enough for a couple of scholarships. There is as you know, to date, no endowment or regular support from any source for Appalachian School. That there might be is still a moot question, and one to be devoutly hoped for as it would enable us to take the under-privileged whom we can no longer enroll since all outside aid has been cut off.

For someone to write we are at the cross roads, shows he is not *au current*. We have already gone up the other road. It is nine years since I came here, and even then this could not have been called a typical mountain mission school—of the old type. That we cannot continue on the old patterns is a foregone conclusion, and we have already changed that. That we need fresh support financially and otherwise is always true for a school, but as for a determination of policy—except for those of the Diocese who have not followed along, I fail to comprehend what is meant.

That this Diocese is not educationally minded, I have mentioned, say for instance like the Diocese of Virginia, who has

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AS A SCHOOL HEADS SEES IT

Some reactions to suggestions about our Diocesan Schools.

A few issues back we endeavored to give a sympathetic account of our Diocesan Schools with the hope of arousing interest in them. Lack of space forced elimination of many parts of the article which left it somewhat unintelligible, and which, perhaps, was responsible for the criticisms raised. Our main point was to emphasize the fact that, no matter how these schools are managed and operated at the present the Diocese does have some responsibility towards them.

We believe that the letter of the Rev. Peter Lambert reveals the situation, both as to facts and as to the attitudes and problems of the School Heads. We are therefore printing his letter as our leading article for this month.

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A Christian Century

Christians should be quick to repudiate the arrogance contained in the term "American Century". There have been centuries in the past dominated by some nation or empire, only to close in dissolution, warfare and horror. No one nation ever has been or ever can be capable of being entrusted with the destiny of mankind upon this planet. Far better is the sentiment behind Mr. Willkie's "One World", although this author seemed to us to miss the implications of his theme, which can only be realized through Christianity.

There can not be both an American Century and One World. There can be One World in a Christian Century and toward this Christians must work. What else do we mean when we say, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church"?

A Faithful Servant

Many will be the regrets over the resignation of the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan as Manager of Kanuga. Starting at the very inception of the project, Mr. Morgan had become part and parcel of the Kanuga scene, and to many it will not be the same place without him. Few know the burden of detail that he carried or of the difficult decisions with which he was often confronted. Managing Kanuga is not as easy as it looks, and we fear that there are few who realize the burden of sacrifice involved. The HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN knows that it is the mouth-piece of thousands, when it pays its tribute to a faithful servant. It is a source of satisfaction that this consecrated native son of our diocese is to continue to minister to the scattered sheep among the hillsides that he knows and loves so well. We congratulate the people of Franklin and parts adjacent over the fact that they will soon have the full time of this faithful priest. He is a distinct part of our diocesan picture.

DIOCESAN NEWS

KANUGA LAKE, HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., July 22: The Board of Managers of the Kanuga Conferences of the Episcopal Church at its meeting July 20 regretfully accepted the resignation of Rev. A. Rufus Morgan as Superintendent of the Kanuga Conferences. Mr. Morgan has extensive missionary responsibilities in Western North Carolina and will now devote his entire time to this work. Mr. Morgan with the late Rt. Rev. Kirkman G. Finlay, D. D., Bishop of Upper South Carolina, and the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, D. D., now retired, was at Kanuga at the inception of its summer conference in 1928.

At the same meeting the Board appointed the following directors for the various conferences and camps for the summer of 1944: The Adult Conference, the Rt. Rev. John L. Jackson, D. D., Bishop of Louisiana; the Young People's Conference, the Rev. John A. Pinckney, Clemson, S. C.; the Junior Conference for Girls and Boys, the Rev. William S. Lea, Spartanburg, S. C.; the Midget Camp for Girls, Miss Margaret Marshall, Spartanburg, S. C.; and the Cub Camp for Boys, the Rev. Tracy Lamar, Shelby, N. C. No appointments were made for the 1944 Guest Period or for the 1944 August Boys' Camp.

The officers of the Kanuga Conferences are: president, the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, D. D., Bishop of Western North Carolina; vice-president, The Rt. Rev. John J. Gravatt, D. D., Bishop of Upper South Carolina; and secretary, Mr. William G. Robertson, Wilmington, N. C. These officers with the Rt. Rev. Albert S. Thomas, D. D., Bishop of South Carolina, and the Rev. James P. Burke, Hendersonville, make up the Executive Committee.

The Kanuga Conferences this year have had a record attendance with 367 persons at the Junior Conference, 333 persons at the Young People's Conference, and 442 persons at the Adult, Clergy, and College Conferences.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas at the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Kanuga Conferences held at Kanuga, July 20, 1943, The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan submitted his resignation as Superintendent of the said conferences for good and compelling reasons: And whereas the Board of Managers regretfully accepted the resignation for the reasons that were given:

Be it resolved:

1. That the Board of Managers place on record its affectionate and grateful appreciation of the devoted services that Mr. Morgan has rendered to the Kanuga Conferences since their inception in the year 1928. Sharing the faith and vision of his great and revered chief, Bishop Finlay, he worked with him with ability and faithfulness and loyalty to translate their heavenly vision into the actuality of the mountain of the house of the Lord which is now known as the Kanuga Conferences throughout the length and breadth of the Church. Sharing his chief's anxieties as well as his joys, he has seen Kanuga grow from a daring experiment into the largest summer conference enterprise in Christian Education in the Episcopal Church involving as it does more than 1000 people each summer. Under God's never failing guidance Kanuga owes more to him than to any other person with the exception of Bishop Finlay.

2. And be it further resolved that as a mark of its appreciation the Board of Managers extends to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan the honor of being the honored guests of the Kanuga Conferences at all

its future meetings and during the guest period "so long as they both shall live."

3. And be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be given to Mr. Morgan, a copy be entered in the minutes of this meeting and a copy be printed in the "Bugle."

BILTMORE, ALL SOULS: The Rev. Isaac N. Northup, rector of All Souls Church, underwent an operation for appendicitis on August 1st, at the Biltmore Hospital. He has made rapid recovery.

During his enforced absence from the parish the services were held by visiting ministers, among them being the Rev. Francis Craighill, Rector of Old Bruton Parish, Virginia; and a former Rector of All Souls, the Rev. William C. Cravener.

ASHEVILLE, TRINITY: Trinity parish had the happy experience of one of its own boys returning to preach in the church in which he had been baptized, confirmed, and from which he entered the ministry. Rev. Colin Campbell, now rector of the Church of the Advent, Marion, S. C., delivered a most suggestive and helpful sermon to his home folks on a recent visit. Under the direction and guidance of Trinity's rector, the Rev. Floyd Rogers, Mr. Campbell took training at the Citadel in Charleston, Sewanee Military Academy, and the Virginia Seminary. His usefulness in these first years gives promise of wider and outstanding service.

HENDERSONVILLE, ST. JAMES: St. James Church building in Hendersonville, which was being consecrated while the battle of Chicamauga was being

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fought, has taken time out in this war to be reconditioned between Sundays. The old yellow locust frames that were placed in the original brick structure, still in unusually good condition, were given two coats of paint. The tower has been repaired and the bell made secure. The interior has been painted. In fact, the old structure looks fit to face and survive another crisis. The rectory, a more modern building, is now receiving the attention of the painters. A special fund, outside the budget, has been raised for these repairs.

ST. MARY'S, Asheville: A helpful Vacation School was conducted during the two weeks beginning July 12th. The manual "Steps to Worship and Prayer", prepared by the Diocese of Michigan, was used. As in previous years, a number of neighborhood children attended, who are unconnected with the parish. The school operated under the direction of Mrs. Millard Ward, assisted by Mrs. E. K. Krauss, Miss Dorothy Case, Mrs. Chas. McFee, Miss Anne Bohannon, Miss Jane Bohannon, Mrs. A. W. Farnum and Miss Esther Minott, who provided the music. In spite of the fact that a number of children who had faithfully attended in past summers were unavailable, the enrollment was well up to the records of previous years. We feel at St. Mary's that this is one of the best pieces of work that the parish undertakes.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1943

- 3:00 P. M. Our Diocesan Task for 1943-44. Bishop Gribbin.
- 3:30 P. M. Business Session and Reports.
- 4:30 P. M. Announcements and Presentation of any Diocesan Plans affecting the Convocation.
- 5:00 P. M. Diocesan News and The Highland Churchman. The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan.
- 8:00 P. M. Evensong and Sermon. The Rev. G. Floyd Rogers.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1943

7:30 A. M. The Holy Eucharist.

THE CHRISTIAN AND SOME BIG QUESTIONS

I.

10:00 A. M. Orientals within the United States. Are the attitudes of Church and State Satisfactory? The Rev. Frank A. Saylor.

II.

10:45 A. M. Russia—Christian, Atheist or Neither? What of This Nation's Relations to Her? The Rev. A. W. Farnum.

APPALACHIAN SCHOOL

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all of its schools linked together in a solid system. Our original plan was for that, but it was decided that until each could stand on its own feet, it was better for each to have its separate board for the time. Any far-seeing person will readily know that the day of the church school is never over, and common sense will dictate that it must meet the new needs of the time. Our existence as a mountain mission school passed over a decade ago, and we have continued to draw from a larger clientel, until now we have already pupils enrolled from as distant points as Philadelphia and Miami.

I do not know if it is exactly just to say that as long as we were under the complete domination of the Diocese, that is to say in as far as policy and finances were concerned, we never got anywhere. If I am correctly informed, Christ School began to grow when it was put on its own, and as far as I can judge the same is happening for the rest of us. The unfortunate situation that enrollment, not finances allowed Valle Crucis to close for the time being would not enter the argument here. Our geographic location is against all of us, save possibly Christ School and Patterson. We cannot transfer our plants and equipment: but I do know that if we were not so remote from a population center we would have a larger enrollment.

Neither can you employ an influential energetic staff—save mission workers with which we are *blessed* and who make the work possible—until you can pay a living wage. If the tuition is enough to warrant better salaries, or endowment or outside support insures it this may be possible. The fact that we are financially better off than ever before, and even with money in the bank to pay for canning for the winter's food which is being done as a cooperative project among the church families at Valle Crucis, may be some credit; but unless there is a sense of stewardship beyond the membership of the boards the Church is lost. We are not interested as a Diocese (or Church) in Christian Education, with the capitals, and I do not mean the Sunday School stuff either. It was the monastery schools who held the flickering light of civilization to the world through the dark ages, and it is still the duty of the Church through its schools to tender this to humanity.

Our different Boards' membership is

III.

11:30 A. M. The Present Status of the Negro. Are we satisfied with it. The Rev. Westwell Greenwood.

IV.

12:15 P. M. The Christian Attitude and Policy toward a Defeated Axis. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan.

1:00 P. M. Luncheon.

of varying composition. I suggest the ones we have for geographic reasons mostly in hopes we could have frequent meetings. These have been curtailed and made almost impossible by reason of gasoline rationing. We keep in contact by letters and decisions are reached in that way as each need arises. We have each changed our patterns and way of life, not because we did not want to continue serving the type of child we had previously, but because our hand was forced. Solicitation of funds is well nigh impossible because of the war conditions; but broken homes, working parents and family readjustments will not cease with the signing of peace, and it is from this larger national public that we shall continue to draw our pupils. I am not content to think that we shall always have children whose parents can pay \$10 per week per child. There is still the group who cannot pay anything, and it may be that some day the Church will see fit to support us sufficiently so that we can take these in as formerly either here or in some other school. There are only a limited number of people who have to send their children to school while they are still in the elementary grades, but for these we must also provide a place as now.

Now that you have read this editorially, I thank you personally for your patience, and your interest in bringing the schools before the Diocese in the *CHURCHMAN* again. With every best wish, I am

Faithfully yours,
Peter W. Lambert, Jr.

Get in Harness

In these days when so many people are moving about, it is imperative that our Church people, coming into a community, establish themselves as rapidly as possible. Many of our parishes have suffered heavily by removal and although in some cases the populations of communities have increased, there have been few newcomers who have evinced much sense of responsibility for filling the vacant places, and doing the parish tasks that cry out for some one to help. The Church has an opportunity today that may never come again, and may be unable to take advantage of it for lack of personnel. Although we fear that this will not be read by many to whom it applies, yet we trust that there will be some who will heed. You may be the very person who can step in and help some worried priest to fill a gap in his first line of defense.

Net Gain

We commiserate our Editor in Chief over the fact that he was obliged to enter the hospital. Yet we are sure that when he totals the score of his gains and losses for 1943, he will find himself far on the right side of the ledger. Who wouldn't gain a wife at the loss of a vestigial remnant?

The Woman's Auxiliary

The last meeting of the National Executive Board was devoted largely to making plans for the Triennial Meeting. The dinner meeting on Friday evening was turned over to the Chairman of the Triennial Program Committee, Mrs. Griffith, to present the suggested program. After general discussion of the program in detail, it was accepted as a whole.

High Lights of the Triennial Program

Theme: "God's Gift and Our Task".

1. Main Addresses:

"Christians and World Order".

"The Church in Europe".

"The Church in Asia and Latin America".

"The World Church".

Following these addresses, a symposium will bring out the various parts the Episcopal Church plays in the World Church.

"The American Scene".

Following this address will be a panel discussion to bring out the problems of the Church at home.

2. A course of instruction for the entire body on "Spiritual Resources" will be given on four mornings.

3. The joint sessions will be held on Sunday, October 3.

4. Presentation of the United Thank Offering on Monday, October 4, 8:00 A. M.

5. There will be two types of section conferences: (a) On policy and procedure, led by a member of the National Executive Board; and (b) On preparation of leadership, to be led by selected women.

All meetings of the Triennial will be at the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Presiding Bishop in speaking to the Board said that, in thinking of the work of the Church for the next three years, the budget for which will be presented to the General Convention, we must think in terms of the world at this time and that, even tho the pocket-books may be reduced, the Church should feel the necessity of presenting an expanded program because people need God more than ever. Our missionary work is our effort to transform the kingdoms of this world into the Kingdom of God. We cannot do God's work unless we use the means put into our hands.

It is most interesting to note that the Fourth Province has more subscriptions to POINTERS (512) than any other Province.

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PERSONALITIES

By Norvin C. Duncan

The Morganton and Burke county missions have had many faithful workers, some of whom have moved on to other fields, and some have entered into Paradise. Among those who remain is Miss Alice Whisenant, who grew up in the Saint Mary's Mission at Quaker Meadows, and who continues to serve in divers positions with quiet effectiveness. Miss Alice has certainly been one of the "Pillars" in St. Mary's Mission, and has lent a hand to the mother parish whenever called upon.

Miss Alice grew up in Saint Mary's mission in the days when the Hughsons were making missionary history. The conditions of living and travel were primitive, but the consecrated spirit of the Hughsons and their abilities as teachers overbalanced the meager equipment and the slow methods of locomotion. The children who grew up in the mission were well instructed, and imbued with a love for the Church. They never lacked for a "reason for the hope that was in them." Consequently, Miss Alice came on as a capable teacher, and a devoted worker. Whatever task came to hand she undertook with faithfulness and ability. There was no task that she avoided, no matter how humble, or difficult.

In any sort of organized movement there is always some person, or persons, upon whom the planned construction must rest, and about whom it must revolve. Miss Alice is certainly one among those about whom St. Mary's mission has revolved. She has been a part of it, native to it, and has given to it the best of her life. She will always be associated with the missionary history and achievements of the Church in Burke country. Every Rector of Grace Church, who has had the privilege of serving there during the time that she has been in active service, can testify to the inspiration, the cooperation, and the devoted service of Miss Alice Whisenant. The imposing stone Church which stands in Quaker Meadows today owes its existence in part to the fact that within the mission were earnest, consecrated souls upon whom the builders could build with confidence and hope, and whose devoted cooperation made growth possible. First among these in St. Mary's we would place the subject of this month's column of personalities.

HAS 10,000TH CONFIRMATION

In the 20 years during which he has been Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of North Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick has confirmed exactly 10,000 persons. The 10,000th confirmer was Sally Ann Burham, thirteen years old, and the ceremony took place at St. Philip's Church, Durham, N. C.

NO IDLE MOMENTS BUT WONDERFUL TIME

The record for "spreading myself thin" is claimed by the Rev. P. G. Cotton, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Houlton, Maine. In addition to caring for his congregation of about 165 people, he works among students of a residential junior college, and of two high schools, one of which is residential. He ministers to the inmates of the county jail, to the people of a N.Y.A. camp, and to soldiers at an air base which does not have a resident Chaplain. Mr. Cotton says he "keeps moving" but has "a wonderful time."

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CAPITALIZING CHRISTIAN OPPORTUNITY

BY THE REV. PHILLIPS S. GILMAN, CHAIRMAN OF PROMOTION

"The time has come when the church must launch a Christian offensive designed to take advantage of some of the tremendous opportunities resulting from the war."

These words of our Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, are as timely as they are true. They challenge our thought and our action. They are the Christian imperative of a new and better world.

Citing the tremendous scope of the Church's opportunity today, in distant and near lands as well as here at home, Bishop Tucker refers first to the missionary call of Free China, that vast section in west and southwest China into which millions have migrated under pressure of war. "A gallant group of Chinese and American missionaries has gone along with them," he says, "and today is doing one of the finest pieces of missionary work in the history of the Church, in the face of terrific obstacles." And even in occupied China, he adds, Christian work is going on, and a great period of reconstruction will be necessary as soon as the war is over.

Other examples mentioned by the Presiding Bishop are in Latin America, "where younger Churches of growing strength will depend on us for aid in training native clergy, in developing educational projects, and in opening up new work;" and India, from which comes "an urgent demand for advance. Thousands who seek entrance to the Church would not be turned away if we could play a more vigorous part."

On the home front, the Bishop declares that opportunities of equal magnitude are open. He mentions the Negro race, announcing that the Episcopal Church has inaugurated a new program among the Negroes, but that it needs much expansion. Another example, he says, lies in the war industry areas, "a great, if perhaps temporary field, involving the largest migration our country has ever known."

Along with these vital challenges of the church beyond our borders, there are great considerations and responsibilities which confront us in our own diocese.

Within every congregation and community are new needs and emerging opportunities for Christian witness and timely service—fresh visions of stewardship to be added to normal undertakings if the Church of our heritage is to keep its faith and prove its power in the days to come.

Our home ranks are depleted by the demands of war work and military service. Sons and daughters and husbands and brothers are working and fighting for us—working and fighting for the peace of God on earth which only *our faithfulness*, matching theirs, can make possible. While they are absent, and *for them*, WE WHO REMAIN MUST CARRY ON! More than ever before, perhaps, the chance and need to do so will be ours in 1944. Never has there been a clearer call to this Church's leadership in community and diocese—never a time when THE WHOLE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL, potentially within the scope of our ability to speak and witness, could be made so constructive. And taken by and large, never have we had the FINANCIAL ABILITY which we possess today to make our Church's voice assertive and its work effective.

The necessary increase in our parish or mission Budget must be absorbed, in fair proportion, by every one of us. And certainly we cannot, with Christian integrity, disregard the call of the times for a more adequate and wholesome support of the missionary clergy of Western North Carolina. With our MONEY as well as our prayers and efforts, we must MAKE OUR RELIGION REAL!

In the words of our Presiding Bishop, these needs and many others are "*clear calls from God*. Our response will require strenuous effort and real sacrifice. We do not grudge the effort and sacrifice necessary for victory in the war. Shall we not be equally ready to pay the price that will be needed to embrace the opportunities to bring into being that new and better world which we, as Christians, believe to be God's purpose for mankind?"

The critical and determining need for Christian foundations and insistencies, in this war time and after, is ours to supply.

The highest duty any of us can perform as citizens and Churchmen, the greatest service we can render mankind today is that of REMEMBERING GOD. The Church of Christ is being called again, across the centuries, to be A PIONEERING CHURCH, a Church pioneering for a peace such as the world has not yet known because it has not fulfilled its conditions. To us, the present members and custodians of that Church in Western North Carolina, the call comes specifically and individually in this Fall's EVERY MEMBER CANVASS—the call to remember God in mind and heart, with forethought and open-handed provision, in a way which will enable His Church in our midst and in the world to carry on valiantly, proudly and victoriously, implanting the certainties of peace in the character of life.

This final thought! Many of our young men are now overseas in the service of their country and, we believe, of their Church. The others will be going—we know not where nor for how long, but only that what *must* be done *will* be done, that the world's salvation *shall be* accomplished. What another year—another Eastertide, or perhaps another All Saints' Day—may ask of our remembrance or demand of our faith or require of our undertaking, only the loving Father in whose keeping we all are can foresee. But one thing is sure—sure, as God is sure. We can be faithful in each present day. We can be soldiers of Christ. We, too, can GIVE LIFE, that the life He gave and the lives our sons and brothers are daily offering shall not be in vain. We can be CHRISTIAN VICTORS of a world at peace.

"Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have *Christ's own promise*,
And that cannot fail."

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BISHOP GRIBBIN

We are very happy indeed that the unwelcome news and problem concerning Bishop Gribbin's health has found a better solution. His resignation, in addition to everything else that it would have meant because of the loss of his leadership, would have been above all a sorrowful break in our Diocesan family life. Our Bishop is preeminently our friend and the beloved head of what is in truth a *Household* of the Faith, and we are glad that our *household* is not to be broken up by his departure.

The Bishop was prevailed upon to withdraw his resignation and to take a prolonged holiday during the severest time of the winter climate, and the prayers of all of us are that his health will be thereby fully restored.

MORE IN 1944

In the account of proceedings at General Convention found elsewhere in this issue this one emphasis runs throughout. The church has opportunities now that it never had before. History is not repeating itself, and the coming year is different from the years that are gone. Christians are always practical, and we all have the common sense to know that these opportunities will be met in proportion as we place in the hands of our leaders the financial support necessary to meet the challenge of the times. Let each one of us, then, take to himself this slogan for our generosity: "I am giving more in '44!"

HONORED

Ten years ago Charles Francis Boynton, the newly elected Bishop Coadjutor of Puerto Rico, began his ministry in our Diocese as Chaplain at Christ School, Arden. It was not long before he became an essential part of our diocesan picture. Western North Carolina was enriched by his coming and impoverished by his departure. As we watch with satisfaction his going on from strength to strength in his larger responsibilities, we shall look back as to a Golden Age to the days when as one of us he made such priceless contributions to our diocesan life.

DIOCESAN NEWS

• The time of the Every-Member Canvass is at hand. The dates this year will be November 21-December 12, a period that has been cleared with the appropriate government agencies so that we shall avoid conflict with secular appeals. The United Church Canvass will again be used, and its appeal will be even wider than last year. Do you plan a United Church Canvass with the other churches in your community?

• The Bishop of Atlanta will visit our Diocese to bring us his first-hand interpretation of the events and decisions of General Convention. The Bishop will speak at a mass meeting service in Trinity, Asheville, on Tuesday, October 26, at 8:00 p. m.; and at St. James, Lenoir, on Wednesday, October 27, at 8:00 p. m., and at St. Mark's, Gastonia, on Thursday, October 28, at 8:00 p. m. *Plan now to hear Bishop Walker on one of these important occasions.*

• The emphasis of Forward in Service this year is Your Church in its Community. In the next issue of the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN our diocesan leader of Forward in Service will give us an account of the plans for the year, but it is hoped that meanwhile you are assisting your Rector in his own plans for your Church.

• Sunday, October 31, has been designated Youth Sunday this year, and at that time the youth of the Church will make their Corporate Communion throughout the country, and the offerings in our own Diocese will have as a particular object the Bishop's Educational Fund.

• The new Hymnal is now available. Is there someone in your church that would like to give the new Hymnal (it has music this time!) as a most useful and joyous memorial to some loved one?

BREVARD, ST. PHILIP'S: Approximately sixty persons attended the meeting of the Asheville Convocation, which met in St. Philip's, August 31st-September 1st. The reports from the field were encouraging, and interest and enthusiasm registered higher than usual. Rev. George F. Rogers, Rector of Trinity, Asheville, preached an inspiring and challenging sermon at the Evening Service. He urged that Christians stand for righteousness in this hour of crisis, by living close to the Master.

The Dean, Rev. Arthur W. Farnum, had arranged a very ambitious program, as reference to the program given in the August HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN.

The writers of the papers, with one accord, called for more Christian practices in the field of human relationships, and in the economic areas of life. Specifically, they urged the application of Christian practices in our dealings with interned aliens, the Negroes, and other peoples with whom we come in contact. The papers were received sympathetically, and the discussions showed an earnest mood.

St. Philip's Parish entertained the delegates with all of the traditional hospitality of our section of country—and threw in some extras for good measure.

FONTANA COMMUNITY CHURCH: A Daily Vacation Bible School for the children of the Community was held this past summer. Total attendance for the session was 625, an average of 62 each day.

It is now Captain McGavern. The Rev. Charles L. McGavern, the former rector of Holy Cross, Tryon, N. C., has been promoted to the rank of Captain. His many friends throughout the Diocese rejoice to hear of his promotion.

TRINITY, ASHEVILLE: The editor of this department, being a communicant of Trinity, has been taking the liberty to report what he sees and hears without properly consulting Parish authorities. He does not always hear, or see, things correctly, and we hereby apologize to The Rev. Colin Campbell for mixing up his education in the last issue of the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN. I had him graduating at Military Academy at Sewanee, whereas he graduated from the University at Sewanee taking his B. A. degree before going to the Virginia Seminary.

LENOIR, ST. JAMES: The Convocation of Morganton will hold two meetings in October. One at St. James on the 27th, at 8:00 p. m., the other at St. Mark's, Gastonia, on the 28th, at 8:00 p. m. The Rt. Rev. John Moore Walker, Bishop of Atlanta, will be the principal speaker on both occasions. Church members from the parishes and missions in the Third Woman's Auxiliary District are expected to attend the meeting at St. James.

MARION, ST. JOHN'S: The Rev. David N. Peebles has resigned from the rectorship of St. John's Church, Marion, and has moved to an island off the coast of S. C., a few miles north of Savannah. Here he intends to continue the plan, already started during his residence in Marion, of establishing a monastic order for priests and laymen. Plans have been made for building a home for the order. Many of St. John's people regret Father Peebles' leaving, among whom his ministry has borne much fruit. His successor has already been called by the vestry. (Our correspondent does not give the name of Fr. Peebles' successor. Ed.)

GENERAL CONVENTION

Bishop Tucker remains as Presiding Bishop, Joint Commission on Approaches to Unity Continued, Many Varied and Important Matters Dealt With at Cleveland

THE General Convention of our Church meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, October 2-11, changed the canon concerning the office of Presiding Bishop so that the age of retirement is now 70 instead of 68. Accordingly, the Right Rev. Henry St. George Tucker is not eligible for retirement at this time and will remain the leader of our Church. The Church rejoices in Bishop Tucker's continuation in office. Heretofore, he has continued to be Bishop of his own Diocese of Virginia while being Presiding Bishop. However, in accordance with changes in our policy made by the Cleveland Convention, the Presiding Bishop will no longer remain Bishop of his Diocese.

Boynton Elected Bishop

His many friends in the Diocese of Western North Carolina will be delighted to know that the Rev. Charles F. Boynton was elected by the House of Bishops to be the new Bishop Coadjutor of Puerto Rico. Father Boynton was for some years Chaplain at Christ School, and not only distinguished himself in the fine work of that school but also made for himself a unique place in the affections of the many boys that were committed to his care. The community of Christ School and the whole Diocese regretted his departure some four years ago, but are now very proud of the new opportunity that has been presented to him.

Church Unity

The Convention expressed its appreciation to the representatives of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America for the generous and open-minded way in which they have met the inquiries and proposals of the Joint Commission on Approaches to Unity. The Joint Commission was asked to continue its work, making such changes in its membership as may seem advisable, and being instructed not only to further its negotiations with the representatives of the Presbyterian Church looking toward the organic unity of the two bodies but also to initiate similar conversations with other Christian bodies. The report of the Joint Commission made to the Convention at this time was referred to the Church for study. The Convention also directed the Commission to ask on behalf of General Convention the counsel of the Lambeth Conference before any commitments are made.

Japanese Churchmen

The Convention sent a telegram of sympathy to Japanese churchmen in relocation centers, and the Convention stressed how important it is that parishes get into immediate touch with Japanese citizens who come into their communities. There are many American citizens of Japanese ancestry whose loyalty is beyond question and who after thorough investigation are now being released from relocation centers into normal civilian life.

Marriage and Divorce

The report of the Committee on Social Reconstruction was the first report to produce fireworks at the Convention. To Liberals the report seemed wholly inadequate, while to Conservatives it was packed with dynamite. The Convention straddled the matter by merely accepting the report with mild commendation.

The very important religious matter which is at the same time social; namely, the question of marriage and divorce, was debated for nearly two whole days by the House of Deputies with the result that the House finally rejected all proposed changes concerning the present canons of our Church regarding Matrimony and Divorce.

Our Opportunity

The General Convention realized in advance that the coming triennium will be a period of unusual opportunity for our Church. The Presiding Bishop put words to the feeling of all present when he said: "Never before in the history of the Church have we been confronted with such opportunity, but never before has the moral power been found to solve the problems with which the Church is confronted. This problem is insoluble in human hands; it is one to which Christianity alone can make a contribution and is the direct responsibility of the Church. Rehabilitation in the material sphere alone inevitably results in pauperization. To the material rehabilitation we must add the spiritual. The natural sphere for the cooperation of the Episcopal Church in spiritual rehabilitation is the land of Greece."

The Bishop of Newark presented the report on Program and Budget, and

therein he also stressed our present unusual opportunity for increased work and service. He mentioned especially the open door of China and the turning over to this Church (in all probability) of the work of the Church of England in the Americas. In addition, here at home there is the tremendous task of carrying the Church to the new defense areas. The size of the task is indicated by the fact that one-fifth of our population has changed residence since Pearl Harbor. You will be asked by your local Rector to assist in meeting this great challenge to the Church. It is accordingly the duty of all of us to be informed of the challenge, making this our incentive, "What we are not up on, we are down on."

The financial statistics presented by Mr. Lewis B. Franklin, our National Treasurer, suggest our practical duty: In 1920 the Church gave \$2.73 per annum for missions per communicant, whereas in 1943 we gave only 94 cents per annum per communicant.

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Our faith must be as strong and as world-wide as theirs.

General Convention

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U. T. O.

The devotion of the women of our Church received again its wonderful testimony in the United Thank Offering. The United Thank Offering from our Diocese was \$5,958.73 as against \$5,100.00 at the time of the last Convention! The total offering, the largest ever received, was \$1,119,878.91!

Miscellaneous

Mr. A. B. Trigg, a negro educator, recounted the fact that negro slaves landed in Jamestown only twelve years after the white landing. No prayers were offered for their safety while at sea; they had no chaplain, and no welcome, a story that has been typical of the lack of interest in their welfare ever since.

Suffragan Bishops were by action of both Houses given a vote in the House of Bishops.

Henceforth, the retirement of Bishops is compulsory at 72.

The debt throughout the Church has been reduced eight million dollars in the last three years.

A new Table of Lessons was adopted but not made mandatory for the present.

W. N. C. Delegation

Our Diocese was represented by a full delegation with the exception of the Rev. P. S. Gilman who was unable to attend. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan was an alternate who took the place of the Rev. Peter Lambert, and Mr. A. B. Stoney served in place of Mr. Edward Harts-horne. Our delegation had excellent seats far to the front of the Convention Hall on a side aisle. The men and women of the delegation gave a dinner in honor of Bishop Gribbin, and it was a very happy occasion for the Tar Heels away from home.

The Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. Mary Kistler Stoney
The Diocesan President of the Woman's Auxiliary

Message From Diocesan President

Dear Auxiliary Members:

We are starting a new Fall with a new President—a President who feels keenly her shortcomings and inadequacies but hopes with the help of the Holy Spirit and each one of you to carry on the splendid work our Woman's Auxiliary has done in former years under the leadership of our consecrated and able Past-Presidents.

The Executive Board will meet at Trinity Parish House, Asheville, at 10:30 a. m., October twenty-seventh (27th). At this time, Bishop Walker of Atlanta will address us. The meeting will be for one day only.

Fall District Meetings will be held the first week in November. The programs at these meetings will be given over for the most part to hearing our delegates to the Triennial. You will be notified of the date and place of your District Meeting by your District Director.

These District Meetings are most important and highly necessary if we are to carry on our work successfully and intelligently for the next three years. It

is at these meetings we will hear the plans given for us at the Triennial and receive the inspiration passed on to us by our delegates.

We are, truly, only links in a chain to carry on our Master's Works. Let us see to it, each one of us, that we are not the link that will weaken.

These are troublous times, these are busy times. There are more things of importance to do than we can get done but as always we can do the things we want to do. Let the Lord's business be the thing we want to do. Then we will find time to go to our local meetings and, I will vouch safe to say, we will even find some sort of transportation to our District Meetings.

We will then by the Grace of God be carrying on His Work at the time of the greatest opportunity in our history and be accomplishing His Kingdom by doing the "best thing at the worst time".

Sincerely yours,
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FORWARD IN SERVICE—1943-1944

Program For the Fourth Year of the Presiding Bishop's 10-Year Plan

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE is the emphasis of the Forward in Service program for 1943-1944. This will serve as an offer of help to those who recognize the challenge of the situations which confront us and who have an idea the Church should have something to say about them and some help to offer.

FORWARD IN SERVICE—1940-1943

The Forward in Service challenge opened with the Roll Call in the fall of 1940; at that time every parish throughout the country was asked to survey its membership to count accurately the people of its membership in order to know thoroughly its strength and manpower resources for the program of the years to follow.

The second year of the Forward in Service program (1941-42) we were reminded of the importance of worship and the power which comes through Christian worship to live out the full implications of fellowship with others through Christ. The way was open, therefore, for the next step: The joy of the Good News of the Kingdom of God must be brought home to us with such power that we shall not be satisfied until its blessings are brought to others. The spreading of the Good News we call evangelism (Forward in Service 1942-43). To that every Christian is dedicated.

Suggested Study Material

Concerning this year's Forward-in-Service THROUGH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE (1943-1944), the Church suggests for us a method of study of the services in our Prayer Book in a booklet entitled "The Social Implications of Corporate Worship." It is intended to help us keep our eyes open as we join in the worship provided by the Church that we may be sensitive to the out-reach to others of the spirit which has come into fresh communion with God. For after all, CHRISTIAN community service has no unique contribution except on the basis of a Christian conception of man. That conception is in turn based on the Christian conception of God. There are many social programs through which men attempt to meet the problems of our day. The far-reaching, constructive program fitted to build for the ages must be built on the basis of God's will for mankind.

But the life of the Church in parish and mission must ever be contagious. It must reach out through force of divine love to bring the radiance of God to all the relationships in the community. The immediate point of contagion must be the devoted individual. But back of the individual must be the corporate life of those who love God with every faculty which He has given them and in the light of that love are impelled to draw others into the real relationship through Christ Jesus. This must be at the foundation of that which is commonly called "practical religion". Social service whether connected with church or other groups can have no dependable claim to our devotion except as it works in harmony with God's will and

purpose. The theme for the Forward in Service program is quite fittingly, "The Kingdom of God and His Righteousness". When, therefore, a new departure seems to be made by the Church or any Christian force our question should not be, "Is this dabbling in politics or economics?" but rather, "Does this fit into the theme adopted? and will it lead us along the way of Christ?"

Self-Examination

"What must we do?" is a question asked by those who have learned of Christ. The Church tells each congregation to look for itself and find the answer. What is your local church doing in the way of worship other than to satisfy its own sense of importance? Is the whole membership coming together to "worship God every Sunday in His Church"? Are others being attracted by the spirit of worship? Have the services been confined to the stated Sunday hours? Have we worshipped with the community?

Then there are the questions regarding study. We need to call to our own attention our attitude toward study. So many have seemed to think there is nothing left to be learned about our religion. If there is a Bible class (and what a large percentage of the small congrega-

tions are without this means of expansion) what proportion of the adults attend regularly? And there are such excellent courses on world problems, peace, race relations which could so helpfully be used in the congregation or in the community. And in the community itself (if we have the courage to face them) are the conditions which we criticize: neglected children, juvenile delinquency, lack of recreational facilities, racial irritations. So often it seems necessary for an outsider to come in and show us what should be done. We resent that. So why not get busy and study our own situation?

But surely we are already doing something significant. Let us include this in the inventory of our parish or mission. We should know what the congregation is doing for the general welfare and what various members are doing in the way of community service. We shall find that they are serving in many ways in organizations and on boards where leadership and service are required. That may well be a starting point for more comprehensive and well planned service.

How Your Parish Can Get Help

When we have arrived at this point we shall have discovered that we do not work alone, that there are others whose special function is to do the thing of which we have discovered the need, that many situations can be met only by the impact of cooperative effort on the part of all interested persons and groups. So we shall want to make an inventory of all the social forces in the community. Some will be constructive and helpful while others will be destructive. But the initial need is to understand the situation as it exists. Two books may help in

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The Chairman of Forward in Service for our diocese, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, herein presents to you an account of the Presiding Bishop's 10-year plan to date, sets forth the objective for this year (1943-44) and points the way to accomplish this objective. Read his article and accept its challenge!

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THE BACK PEW

Most of us do not realize the unconscious contribution made to the strength of the Church by many regular worshippers who are not "active" in a narrow and restricted sense.

Such people do not have a flair for serving on vestries, working in guilds and attending conventions, yet make a contribution that is priceless.

They read thoughtful and thought-provoking books on topics which cry out for a Christian solution.

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They perform many acts of love to those in need of both material aid and of sympathetic friends.

They have formed a Christian opinion on many questions and are not shocked when they and supposed agnostics arrive at the same goal by different routes.

They are splendid parents whose offspring are the joy and delight of the clergy.

They sit in back pews and are restrained, modest and bashful when it comes to expressing an opinion on controversial matters which do not loom very large to them.

Lauding them does not mean that we do not honor those who serve the Church in more conventional ways. The trouble is that the front pews get all the recognition and the back pews none. In fact, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Pugh are sometimes referred to snootily as "So inactive and uninterested."

At the final reckoning, we are sure that the back pews will receive their reward. In the meantime, we should not forget their priceless contribution to the Church and Christian values, nor upset them and run the risk of losing their interest in disputes over mint, anise and cummin.

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Some of us have learned by experience that some of the Church's chores are lots of fun.

We seek to make your lives happier through the joy of co-operation in sacrifice.

We have had some wonderful fellowship with our rector, and have come to a deeper understanding of his worth and of his problems.

We want to share with you the joys of life in a Western North Carolina parish. So we come a-knocking at your door.

We are canvassers.

DIOCESAN NEWS

• The time of the Every-Member Canvass is at hand. The dates this year will be November 21-December 12, a period that has been cleared with the appropriate government agencies so that we shall avoid conflict with secular appeals. The United Church Canvass will again be used, and its appeal will be even wider than last year. Do you plan a United Church Canvass with the other churches in your community?

• The annual appeal of the Thompson Orphanage is before us. You are probably planning, as usual, to devote your generous Thanksgiving offering to this work. The Orphanage's appeal, because of enlarged plans, is even stronger than before; please give your Rector's account of these plans and his requests for your offering a very sympathetic hearing this year.

Christ School opened this fall at an unusually early date—September 1—with a full enrollment. The early opening was brought about by many factors, of which perhaps the chief was the desire and need to have the boys available for harvesting crops. They have brought in better than \$6,000 worth of potatoes, corn, hay, silage and what not, for the school itself; and on numerous occasions groups of boys have gone out to help short-handed farmers in the vicinity get their crops in. To make up for the early opening, there will be a long Christmas vacation.

Sunday, October 24th, Christ School was honored to have an ordination service, which, in addition to its solemnity and beauty, was unique experience in the many threads of associations entering into it.

Bishop Colmore, on his way from General Convention, was the celebrant of the Mass and the ordaining Bishop. Bishop Gribbin was in the Sanctuary and took part in the laying-on-of-hands.

Fr. Boynton, who for many years was chaplain of Christ School, was elected by the recent General Convention as Bishop of Puerto Rico to succeed Bishop Colmore.

The ordinand was the Rev. Ralph Webster, canonically resident of Puerto Rico, but who has been teaching for some time at Christ School, and will return to Puerto Rico soon.

Clergy and choir in procession began the service with the hymn "O Heavenly

Jerusalem." Rev. Gale Webb preached the sermon and presented the candidate. Fr. Saylor, of Bat Cave, who attended with many of his congregation, read the Litany for Ordinations. The Mass proceeded as usual through the Gospel. After the laying-on-of-hands, Fr. Webster was vested in a chasuble and maniple, and was given a Bible, Chalice, and Paten as symbols of his Priestly power and authority.

Fr. Saylor brought with him a cope that Bishop Colmore had given him many years ago when he was working in Puerto Rico, and Bishop Colmore wore it during the ordination.

After the service all of the participants were entertained at lunch by Mr. and Mrs. David Harriss.

Bishop Colmore accompanied Fr. Saylor home for a visit.

CHUN'S COVE, ST. LUKE'S: St. Luke's Church kept its Patronal Festival on October 17th, the Eve of St. Luke's Day. There was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 A. M., with sermon by Fr. Sill, the priest-in-charge. Congratulatory messages were sent by the Bishop and Dean Farnum, and a letter from the Rev. Raymond Chapman, now living in Boston, was read. He was in charge of St. Luke's in 1921-22. The offering at the service was divided between the needs of St. Luke's Church, and the sufferers from the war.

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Woman's Auxiliary

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness" is the theme of the Forward in Service Program for 1943 and 1944. There is no finer theme for the Department of Christian Social Relations to adopt than this one.

Last year in our parish work we put special emphasis on working with those persons in War Services and enlarging efforts in our communities in this field. Much time has passed and many changes have occurred since we entered the war. In many areas life has gone on almost "as usual" with certain people leaving for War Services and Defense work, while in other areas, the population has more than doubled over night. It is in this last type of area that life has become so much more complicated. Women in industry have done much to change our way of life. With all these upsets it is obvious some good planning must be done to give our people the security for present day work as well as post war planning.

The "Plan of Action" of the Forward in Service gives untold helps and suggestions for all branches of church and community work. The department of Christian Social Relations should coordinate work in all departments of the church. We should know the weak spots in our communities and get a plan of action to strengthen them. As mentioned earlier, we have many women working in industry who have never been employed before. Many of our youths are employed now who have never been employed before. Many of these boys and girls should be in school. Many boys and girls are feeling for the first time the power of money.

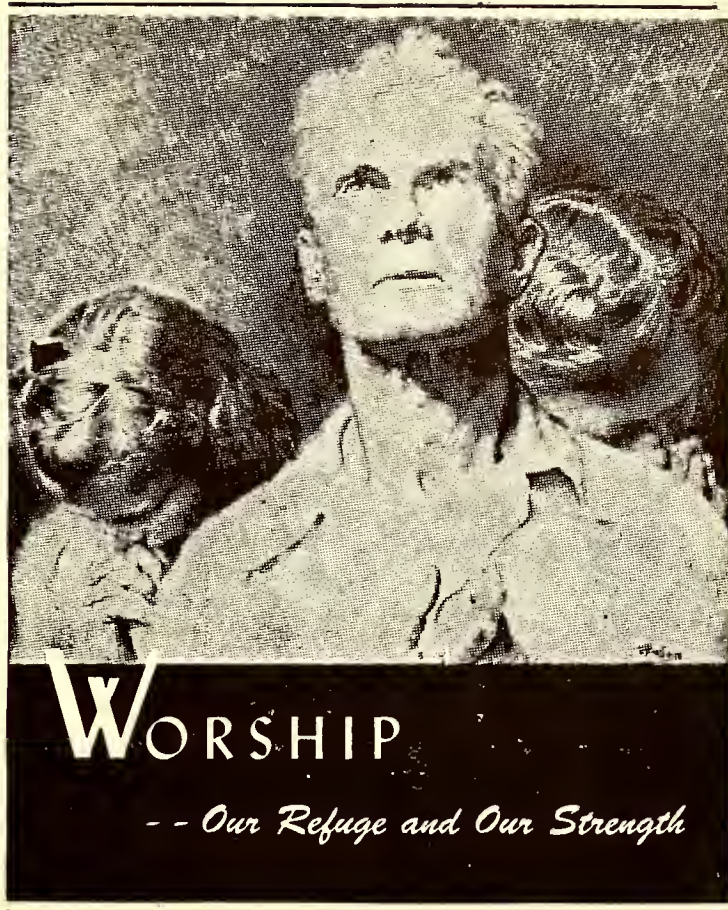
As church people, we must do something for our youth and children to help them find a security which is sound. Certain factors listed below seem outstanding and worth working for.

1. Preventive measures for Juvenile Delinquency. Each child is different and his needs are different. These differences should be taken into consideration when planning.
2. Providing care for children of working mothers. (Your community may or may not have this need.)
3. Enforcement of Child Labor Laws. People who got this legislation went a long way in the improvement of working conditions for minors. Your community may not be an industrial community and may not be affected by this situation.
4. School attendance. All children in North Carolina under the age of fourteen should attend school regularly. There may or may not be a person responsible for this in your community. It is a taxpayer's job to see that this is provided. Failing to educate is expensive.
5. Federal Aid for Schools. The bill was voted down recently by SOUTHERN senators. It is in the south that it is felt the most help will be had from Federal Aid. Can we put in a word which will help in doing something about it?
6. Helping parents feel *responsibility* and *need* of caring for children. Also giving helps where parents' knowledge is limited.
7. There is certain legislation that we now need in North Carolina. Why shouldn't church groups get together and get some sound legislative action such as: Additional facilities for caring for feeble-minded children in North Carolina. Also some plan for training feeble-minded negro youth.

In our communities, if we can know and study conditions, unite with other public groups who have interests, and get some plan of action, we can achieve something worthwhile. We know our communities are no stronger than the weakest person in it and we believe the Christian is the one to lead the way. Our four mission workers in this Diocese are doing much to strengthen these weak places. We want to cooperate more fully with our mission workers.

We are told achievement is possible through *Faith* and not

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I am disposed to begin by making what many people will feel to be a quite outrageous statement. This world can be saved from political chaos and collapse by one thing only, and that is worship. As I said, it sounds outrageous. How in the world can we solve the problems of international rivalries and social inequalities by all going to church? And how like a parson to suggest it!

Of course, if all you do in church is to sit, stand and kneel when others do, while someone else says things to which you attend, to see where he has got to as your mind returns from "going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down in it", you are not doing yourself much good and are doing the rest of the congregation a good deal of harm by diluting the atmosphere of devotion. In that case you are not worshipping at all. But if you are entering into it, if you are really worshipping at all, then you are doing just what is most needed to enable you to take your part in bringing in the new world for which we hope. For to worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. . . . We want to reach the stage when we naturally and spontaneously act by trust in God. But we have not reached it; at least, I have not and I do not suppose you have. And that being so, it is mere humbug to say that we will serve God by our conduct but cannot find time for prayer and worship. If that is all we do, we shall serve Him just as much as we have been doing—which is what has brought the world to the mess it is now in. We must have our times for companionship with God, the companionship which, because He is God, is worship, the companionship which causes our trust in Him and our love for Him to grow.

The Archbishop of Canterbury: "The Hope of a New World"

MORGANTON, GRACE CHURCH: The every member canvass, which came early due to local conditions, was a success. The goal, self-support without aid of endowment funds, appears to be in sight. \$1,200.00 for the Diocese and General Church already reached in the total of \$5,656.20 pledged in the canvass. More than twenty persons, chiefly from among the canvassers, attended the Convocational meeting in Lenoir, at which Bishop John M. Walker was the speaker.

The interest of the Woman's Auxiliary is now centered on the annual Bazaar, the funds, added to the hundred dollars secured by St. Anne's Chapter in a rummage sale, will be devoted to the purchase of new Altar Hangings.

The Church School is showing marked improvement, and attendance at services are increasing. Two persons were confirmed in August at a special visitation of the Bishop.

St. Mary's Mission House, now occupied by Mr. John Oxford, has been improved by some additions. Seven members of St. Mary's Auxiliary attended the District meeting at Patterson School.

After lying dormant for a year, St. Paul's, Glen Alpine, has resumed having monthly services, after a general clean up of the place, and some improvement of the road leading to it. Many of the old families have moved away.

Many of the members of St. Stephens have moved to larger centers of population, but regular services are being held two or three times a month. Archdeacon Kennedy comes over from Asheville for a monthly morning service, and the rector of Grace Church holds one Communion service and one afternoon service. Through the generosity of a parishioner of Grace Church, St. Stephens has had a new roof.

Bishop Gribbin visited St. Stephens in August and confirmed one person.

ST. MARY'S, ASHEVILLE: While at General Convention, the rector was delighted to hear that Mrs. Thomas C. Wetmore was desirous of giving a statue of St. Joseph to fill the unused niche towards the north end of the front wall of the Church, facing on Charlotte Street. Fortunately ecclesiastical statues are procurable at Cleveland and also fortunately a handsome polychromed St. Joseph "was the last one in stock."

So on Sunday, October 17th, the rector, acolytes and congregation repaired to the appropriate spot and the statue was unveiled and blessed.

It is a wholesome fact that St. Joseph, the earthly protector of the Christ Child, is the patron Saint of boys who live in Church institutions and hence greatly beloved by Mrs. Wetmore.

And, finally, it is a joy to us at St. Mary's, to have Mrs. Wetmore, who has meant so much to the Church's life from

as far back as the inception of the old Missionary District 8 of Asheville, living around the corner from the Church and thus a part of our Parish life.

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evaluating the community forces: Your Community, published by Russell Sage Foundation; and Community Life in a Democracy, published by National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

In many instances the Church has seemed to consider itself as the only agency concerned in a particular social problem. If we act on that assumption we usually do poorly a work which might have been done effectively through the cooperation of all available forces. If we follow the program of Forward in Service this year we shall have an opportunity to discover surprising resources in our congregations and in our communities and shall be ready with greater confidence to face our tasks with determination.

Ask Your Rector

The clergy of the Church have received help in this program through conference and retreat and have available material for instruction and guidance. If they do not call it to your attention, please ask them about it. Help can also be had through national and diocesan offices of Forward in Service.

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HARMON M. LEE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of October, 1943.

ARTHUR M. JONES

(My commission expires March, 1945)

Woman's Auxiliary

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Fear. Let us go forward in our communities, then to work today through Faith so that we will have a good foundation for a sound Post-War world.

"Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth; Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may *do the work* which thou givest us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as thy servants, and to the benefit of our fellowmen; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

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THE CHURCH SOCIETY FOR COLLEGE WORK

By Anne Kloman Jenkins

Chairman of Student Work, Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary

How many people realize the importance of the work done in our Colleges by chaplains and trained workers? In peace times we may occasionally stop to consider this work, but in times like these we are so taken up with the immediacies of war that we forget the greater importance of the future. That future will be only as Christian as those who build it. In our colleges all over the country right now, more students are enrolled than ever before. This may be surprising to some of us, but here is what Donald M. Wright, Executive Director of The Church Society for College Work, writes:

"Contrary to popular opinion, student enrollment in colleges now is close to normal, and in many colleges is the highest in history. Hence there is more need than ever for college work, because, added to the usual peace-time requirements are those of the armed services now located in the college centers. *By express Government order*, our chaplains in the college centers have been asked to take care of these troops. No uniformed chaplains are being supplied by the war department. They have all they can do to take care of the supply of chaplains for over-seas forces and those in the armed camps. A second factor to remember is that large blocks of our college youth—the leaders of tomorrow—profess little or no Christian faith. This is in the light of the growing conviction that only Christian leadership will hold this world of ours together when peace is declared. . . . It therefore behooves us in the college work field more than ever to be out paving the way so that when peace comes, we will be there with a going program. More than ever our Church relies on this work for its future leadership."

This is, in substance, identical with a letter received recently from the Reverend R. Emmet Gribbin, Chaplain at Chapel Hill, who also says: "One big help to the college clergy would be a note from someone in the parish, (parent or clergyman) notifying us when a man or woman joins our theoretical college congregation. Sometimes people think it odd that I do not know 'so-and-so' from their home parish. How can I, when he has never identified himself to me, no one has written that he is here, and he looks as much like a Mormon as an Episcopalian?"

Work such as Mr. Gribbin is doing is the result, in a great many colleges, of the Church Society for College Work. The Society has not been in existence long, and information concerning it has not been widely disseminated. In 1935 the society was incorporated in Pennsylvania "to provide knowledge and acceptance of Christ's religion, and in other ways to foster and strengthen the work of the Church in college centers." The executive office at present is at Cranbrook, Bloomfield, Michigan. The President is the Rev. Charles H. Cadigan, Rector of Christ Church, Cranbrook. Under him as Executive Director is Mr. Donald M. Wright. The Board of Directors is made up of college presidents, clergy, laymen and laywomen. This Board works closely with the Commission for College Work of the National Council. There is no overlapping—each group reinforces the other.

At present the Society is underwriting twenty college work-

Easter Assurance

By the Rt. Rev. Henry S. George Tucker
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

AT a time when so many of our dear one are giving their lives in defense of a righteous cause, the Easter assurance that death is the entrance into a richer, more abundant life with the Risen Christ, illumines grief with the radiant light of faith.

Easter brings the further assurance that their sacrifice for a righteous cause was not in vain. By their death they open a door of opportunity. Their death is a challenge to us to pass through that door and by our effort and sacrifice convert the opportunity into a reality. Their passing is a summons to us to press forward towards the goal to which they have opened the way.

To us, Easter brings a challenge from those heroes of the faith who have followed Jesus along the path of sacrifice. Let us also, seeing that we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Easter assures us that those who dedicate themselves in response to this challenge will bring nearer the time when the kingdoms of this world shall have become the Kingdom of God of righteousness, freedom, and love.

ers in part or in whole. The annual budget is only \$40,000.00. The National Council's Division of College Work is underwriting in part thirty-four other college workers, and its contribution to this field will probably not exceed \$50,000.00. *BUT*—it has been estimated that it will require at least two-hundred-and-ninety-two college workers at a total annual expenditure of \$204,000.00 to care for the Episcopal students in the approximately two-hundred-and-twenty-five college centers where there are enough Episcopal students enrolled to warrant placing workers there. This means an annual budget of \$150,000.00, instead of the present \$40,000.00, as the goal of the Society. Obviously it will take time to reach this goal. However, the Society has two objectives, financially, which can be reached in 1944. First, in the first six months of 1944 to raise \$20,000 in *new* dues (an amount equivalent to 1,000 new members at \$10 each), which would assure payment of 1944 bills. Second, to raise another \$20,000 in the last six months of the year, as a further step toward the ultimate goal of \$150,000 annually.

A number of suggestions have been made to the Executive Board about how this goal may be reached. There are three of these suggestions which I hope our Diocese as a whole will adopt. They are.

First: That each Clergyman in the Diocese will back this Society which supports the chaplains who care for the youth of his parish while they are in college, by subscribing to it and urging his people to do so.

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Easter

In no year will the Easter message have more meaning than in a year when the world is gradually emerging from the gross darkness that threatened to completely envelop it.

At this Easter we can at least see the end of the horror, dark as will be some of the days before the end of the road is reached.

It is significant that one of the Gospel narratives of the Resurrection begins with the words, "As it began to dawn". For the dawn is as far as man has progressed in his upward flight. Moreover, a dawn is all that we can look for as we contemplate the immediate future. The hope that comes at daybreak, the certainty that the gloom of the night will be chased away, the glimpse of cheery people going to begin their daily work, are all tokens of what we hope to see in a united and better world: but that good will flourish automatically simply because war clouds have been lifted, we know to be mere wishful thinking. What Easter should remind us is that at the dawn of this era the Risen Master stands by our side, to cheer, to advise, to hearten and encourage, as He has ever done when God's children look to Him for help.

United

How much we owe to the concept of the United Nations! How we value the fact that in the face of all this horror, there are some very diverse portions of the human race that are banded together to endeavor to work out principles that will govern a better world. We may in the abstract have very little in common with Englishmen, Chinese, and Russians, but when we understand that they as well as we are hoping and working for a world that will be free from menace, terror, and

exploitation, we realize how closely we are united by bonds of a common hope.

In a sense, we of Western North Carolina are a polyglot people. True, there are not many of us who were not born under the Stars and Stripes, but a great many of us are not native Tar Heels; in other words, many of us are "furriners". Yet, in our diocesan life, who we were, where we came from, how we stood on certain ecclesiastical principles, have counted for very little, in comparison with our larger loyalty to our diocese and Bishop.

Bishop Gribbin will soon be back in our midst. We assure him that it is the ideal of practically every man, woman and child in Western North Carolina, that he

is returning to a diocese in which all elements are agreed on one point, their desire to support and to co-operate with him.

In the service which the Church has set forth to be used by the children, during Lent, is one of the hymns from our new hymnal which we could well make symbolic of our diocesan life.

"In Christ there is no East and West;
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

"In Christ now meet both East and West;
In Him meet South and North.
All Christly souls are one in Him,
Throughout the whole wide earth."

DIOCESAN NEWS

● Bishop Gribbin will return to us immediately after Easter, and the people of the diocese are planning a heart-warming reception for him. This event, that will bring together as many of our church people as can possibly come, will take place at the Battery Park Hotel Saturday afternoon, April 22. You are most heartily invited to be present at this reception. It is your reception to your Bishop upon his return.

● The two appeals that are of greatest importance before the Church today are for the support of the Army and Navy Commission and for Theological education, and we hope that in your church plans are underway or have already been carried out in support of these two great needs and opportunities.

● In addition, at this time of year as is our custom, our Good Friday offering is asked for work in the Holy Land. Says Bishop Tucker, our Presiding Bishop, "I bespeak loyalty to this great work. May we all pray and give generously in this difficult year that God may bless a missionary work of deep significance in the land where centered our Lord's birth, ministry, sacrifice, and triumph."

● The Presiding Bishop's book for Lent, written this year by the Rector of Trinity Church in Boston, the Rev. T. P. Ferris, is called "This Created World." It is a most stimulating book which deserves a wide reading. It can be obtained from your Rector for \$1.50 a copy, or in small quantities of 10 or a dozen copies at the reduced price of \$1.25 each.

● National Family Week this year is May 7-14, and we shall look forward again as a diocese to this very important annual observance which state, community, and church forces unite in observing.

● STATION WWNC in Asheville has been sponsoring for some weeks a radio forum program called "Invitation to Understanding". The time is Sunday afternoons at 1:45 o'clock. The participants are a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister and a Jewish Rabbi; and they devote themselves to a round-table discussion of current topics concerning religion and our times. The Rector of All Souls is the Protestant participant.

● The Rt. Rev. Y. Y. Tsu, Bishop of Kunming and Southwest China, was in the diocese for two days during the month of February. He fulfilled five engagements in Tryon, three in Biltmore and Asheville, and one in Morganton. Bishop Tsu was most heartily received by our people, and offerings to him for his work were made upwards of \$1,100.00.

ST. GABRIEL'S NEWS: The U. M. C. Y. Club has again brought recognition to St. Gabriel's by engineering a campaign that resulted in the parish house being converted into a gymnasium for basketball and other indoor games. This achievement marks the first time in the history of the city or county that any such provision has been made for Negroes.

GOOD SHEPHERD, TRYON, N. C.: A beautiful Honor Roll Plaque of walnut veneer, with name of Church inscribed thereon, has been placed in the Good

Shepherd in grateful recognition of the services of members now absent from us because of their enlistment in the army and navy of our great country. Father Primo is priest-in-charge.

CALLED TO CHARLESTON: The Rev. Phillips S. Gilman, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Gastonia, for the past thirteen years, has accepted a call to the rectorship of the Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston, S. C. His re-

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Report Of The National Executive Board Meeting

The National Executive Board met at Church Mission's House, New York, on February 4, 5 and 7, 1944, with all but two members present. Due to illness, Miss Buchan and Miss Hill broke their perfect record of attendance.

Speakers And Reports

The Presiding Bishop. It is always especially helpful to the members of the Board when Bishop Tucker can come, as he did at this time, for the opening Celebration and bring his message the first day. He took his text from the Second Gospel for Whitsunday, "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them who ask Him." He said at this time we need the Holy Spirit to guide us, not only to give us the proper motive but the power to carry out God's purpose. We are all too often guided by prejudice and certain fixed rules are developed. (prejudice is a fixed rule), which hamper our guidance; but God has given us the capacity to form our own rules. This gift of spontaneity comes from the Holy Spirit and we must be ready to meet change.

Miss Gammack reported on the Student Planning Conference held at Wooster, Ohio, which she said had formerly been held to train for over-seas service. It is now run by the Committee for Youth Work and is in terms of serving the Church anywhere. It was inter-denominational and international in scope. There were some Japanese present who had recently been released from relocation centers. Dr. John R. Mott was the leader and was at his best. She said there was a real sense of fellowship and a real participation by the student body. The National Board voted a total of \$186 toward the expenses of this Conference.

Miss Stabler said so far the amount reported by Supply Work in 1943 is about \$155,500 which is \$4,000 less than 1942. During the transition from giving personal boxes to supplying funds to supplement salaries, she said her discretionary fund had been most helpful. Since passing the resolution at Triennial regarding the discontinuance of personal boxes, two Bishops have written and announced their intention of increasing the salaries of their Clergy to take the place of the boxes; and in one Diocese the Woman's Auxiliary has made it possible for the Bishop to increase the salaries.

Dr. Franklin said that the year 1943 had been exceptionally fine from a financial standpoint; that every Diocese had paid 100% or more of its pledge and, because collections were good, the National Council had been able to make a substantial reduction in the debt incurred

during the lean years. The outlook for 1944 is not quite so encouraging. The promises from the Dioceses are about \$130,000 short of the budget adopted by General Convention in Cleveland. This shortage is due to the fact that a few

Dioceses have made pledges not equal to their quota. It is hoped these Dioceses will not take their pledge as their goal but will endeavor to reach their quota. He asked the women of the Church to help make this possible.

Mr. Robert Jordan, the new Director of the Department of Promotion, told of the new plan for the establishment of a Field Staff to promote the use of material produced at Church Missions House. He said that excellent material of all Divisions and Departments is available and that it will be the special work of this Department to make it better known to the Clergy and Church leaders.

St. James Church
Lenoir, N. C.

(Editor's note: Thanks to Mrs. Hirsh-eimer of Lenoir who has contributed the following carefully prepared account.)

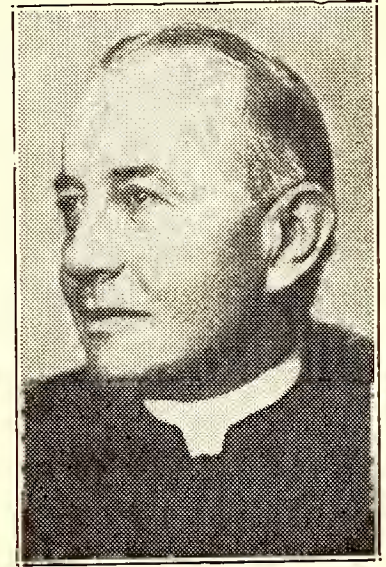
Since our Church is of a very small Membership, and the Altar Guild and the Woman's Auxiliary always functioned as separate groups, we decided to combine as one and hold the meetings in the evening. Many of the members are employed during the day, and since we joined forces, these meetings have been much more interesting and far more largely attended. There are approximately twenty-five members and since some of them are holding important Civic positions they are very helpful in our church work. Mrs. W. G. Byerly, our Treasurer, is head of the Caldwell Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Walter Carpenter is head of the County Welfare Board, and our President, Mrs. John J. Bohn, is the wife of General J. J. Bohn, U. S. Army, now somewhere in England.

During the past eighteen months the Rectory has been completely painted on the inside, and the Auxiliary raised funds for this purpose. The Xmas offering was used to establish a Rectory Repair fund, and with assistance from the Auxiliary, the windows will be repaired and new screens added.

As a means of raising funds, the Auxiliary conducted during the Fall a sale of Personalized stationery, and the demand was so great that another sale was held in February. Last week a two day Rummage Sale was held and plans are under way for the Church Birthday dinner to be held early in May.

At Christmas time, greetings were sent to each member of the Church now serv-

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Bishop-elect Angus Dun

Bishop-elect Angus Dun will be consecrated fourth Bishop of Washington at the Washington Cathedral April 19, 1944, at 10:00 A. M. We hope that Western North Carolina will be generously represented at this great service.

Dr. Dun comes to his new post from Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he was for some years a teacher of theology and its dean since the spring of 1940. He is an author of some repute, a man of wide scholarship, wide interests, who will bring to his new task very rich endowment indeed. Our diocese extends to him our best wishes and our prayers.

Will Discuss Anglican Church Cooperation

The Most Rev. and Right Honorable Cyril Forster Garbett, D. D., Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan, coming to the United States in April, will discuss with Episcopal Church leaders plans for Anglican Church cooperation and post-war rehabilitation.

Governor Dewey Vestryman

Albany, N. Y.—The Hon. Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York, has accepted his election to membership on the vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church here. The Governor made St. Peter's his parish church when he took up his residence at the Mansion in Albany.

Jan Struther Hymn In Episcopal Hymnal Gives Thanks For "Dogs With Friendly Faces"

New York, N. Y.—Jan Struther, known everywhere as author of *Mrs. Miniver*, and through her frequent appearances on "Information, Please," has written three

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signation as rector of St. Mark's takes effect immediately after Easter. As rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, Mr. Gilman will also serve as chaplain of Porter Military Academy.

Mr. Gilman has contributed to the Church, not only through his parochial ministry, but by a prolific pen. He has written many articles for Church papers, and other periodicals, all of which have been marked with high literary quality and deep spiritual insight. A man of deep spirituality, keen intellect, a skilled musician and forceful writer, he has made a deep and lasting impression in the community in which his ministry has been exercised.

The Diocese of Western North Carolina will be sorry to see his departure, but rejoices with him in the recognition of ability in this call to larger service. His many friends in the Diocese wish him Godspeed in his new field.

CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN WORKERS

Due to the over-crowded condition of Knoxville, the annual Conference of Southern Mountain Workers was held in Asheville March 6th-9th. Trinity Parish came to the rescue and was host both to the Conference of Episcopal Mountain Workers which precedes the general conference, and also to the main inter-denominational conference as well. The Rev. G. F. Rogers was kept busy as the host rector, but never failed to be in a good humor and to have good humor.

The Rev. Clifford Samuelson, Associate Secretary of Domestic Missions, preached a challenging sermon at the opening service key-noting the conference towards re-defining the technique of rural work, and facing the old problems made acute by the war. He commented that the attendance was better than he had expected after the sudden shift from Knoxville. About thirty workers from the Dioceses of Virginia, Southwestern Virginia, Lexington, and Western North Carolina attended the Episcopal conference.

Following the Holy Communion celebrated by the chairman of the Program Committee, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. The Rev. W. Greenwood conducted Quiet Hour. The Rt. Rev. W. R. Mason, D. D., Suffragan Bishop of Virginia, led a discussion of Church Schools in mountain areas. Reports were made on the work of the Blue Ridge School, Greene County, Virginia, the Appalachian School at Penland, Patterson School, and Valle Crucis. Mr. Morgan made a plea for more native mountain workers, or at least workers better trained for their unique work than the trial-by-error method now in vogue. He suggested the possibility of a school

for mountain workers, both clerical and lay women workers, and the availability of Valle Crucis for such a project. Resolutions commending further investigation of this suggestion were adopted unanimously.

Woman's Auxiliary

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ing in the Armed Forces and many notes of appreciation have been received from them. A similar Easter Greeting will be sent at this Season.

The Lenten Study Meetings are being held in the homes of various members, and the topic, "The American Scene," related to Church work is most interesting and the meetings are lively and full of discussion.

Our Annual Mission box—a layette—is being assembled and the Auxiliary is sponsoring two scholarships for the Youth Camp to be held this summer at the Patterson School in Legerwood. With an additional gift scholarship it will be possible for three of the Sunday School members to enjoy the summer session.

The Church Society For College Work

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Second: That each Vestryman in the Diocese become a member of the Society.

Third: That each parent with a son or daughter away at college, enroll as a member of the Society.

There is a fourth suggestion which is being carried out in this Diocese already. So far, ten of the forty branches of the Woman's Auxiliary have enrolled as annual members of The Church Society for College Work. It is hoped that before long all the branches will be helping in this way, as a group, and as individuals.

Membership in the Church Society for College Work is: Annual, \$2.00; Contributing, \$5.00; Sustaining, \$10.00; Supporting, \$25.00; Patron, \$100.00 and up. Of this amount, 50 cents covers a year's subscription to the monthly paper published by the Society, THE CHURCH REVIEW. This paper gives news of the work done in the various college centers, and also intensely interesting articles by Churchmen all over the country. The address: The Church Society for College Work, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Our mission to help provide Christian leadership for the world of the future becomes a first demand upon *all of us*. Through the Church Society for College Work we can influence the peace of tomorrow, by influencing the leaders of tomorrow—our youth of today. Can we refuse that demand?

News Afield

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hymns which appear in the new Episcopal Hymnal, published recently.

One is a hymn of thanksgiving for the happy things of life, including "Dogs with friendly faces," "Herbs to cool our fever," "Bees among the clover." A second hymn asks God's care through the opening day: "Be there at our waking and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day." The third Jan Struther hymn is also hymn for morning:

"High o'er the lonely hills
Black turns to gray,
Bird song the valley fills,
Mists fold away.
Gray wakes to green again,
Beauty is seen again,
Gold and serene again,
Dawneth the day."

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Camp and Conferences

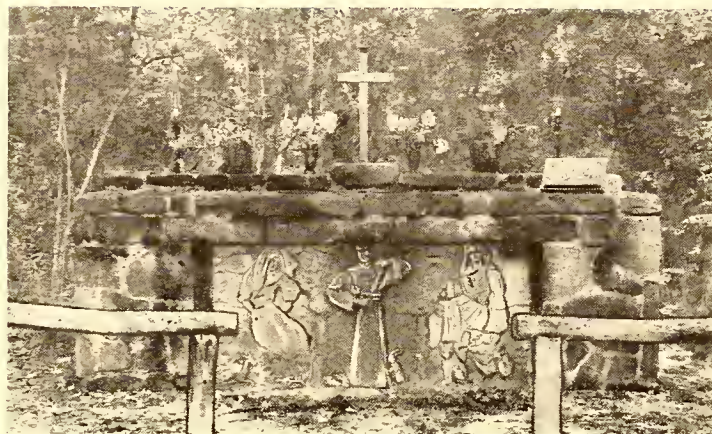
The Dates Set for Kanuga Camps and Conferences for 1944 are as follows: Retreat, June 5-8; Midget, June 8-21; Junior, June 9-22; Cub, June 22-July 5; Young People, June 23-July 6; Adult, July 8-22; Boys' Camp, July 29-August 25.

Dining Room Scholarships. Our Diocese has seven dining room scholarships for the Junior Camp, seven for the Young People, and seven for the Adult. If you desire one of these scholarships you should write a letter to the Rev. James P. Burke, Hendersonville, giving your age and the conference you expect to attend. This letter, endorsed by your Rector or Priest-in-charge, should be mailed *before May 15*. No application received after that date will be considered. Those receiving scholarships will be notified just as soon as their applications have been approved by the Rev. John Pinckney, Personnel Director of Kanuga.

Other Reservations. Those desiring to make reservations at Kanuga, other than scholarship reservations for the three conferences mentioned above, should write to the Personnel Director, the Rev. John A. Pinckney, Clemson College, S. C. The new Treasurer of Kanuga Conferences is Mr. F. D. MacLean, of York, S. C.

It looks now as if Kanuga will have another big season. See to it that your Church School is represented at one or more of the conferences.

Diocesan Camp. Plans are being made for a Diocesan Camp to be held at Patterson School under the supervision of our Diocesan Youth Commission. A youth paper is to be pub-



The Altar of St. Francis' Chapel, Kanuga

lished giving details. In the meantime, for information write the Rev. Tracy Lamar, Jr., Shelby, N. C.

The Sewane Training School Program has had to be temporarily abandoned because of war conditions. It is the intention and purpose when conditions permit to resume this program, and in the meantime to maintain a set-up ready to take over when the time comes.

Are there boys and girls in your Church School who would make the most of a summer camp or conference under the supervision of the Church, but do not have the necessary funds? If so, do not rely solely on a scholarship from the conference. As a rule you will find some person or group in your community willing to help in this important matter. Give them the chance. Once when St. Francis was very weary and lay down for a rest, he is reported to have said something like this, "Do not disturb me unless a child calls." All of us, no matter how busy, need to be reminded that children, our children, are calling.

The Bishop's Message

To the Clergy and Laity of the
Diocese of Western North Carolina

My good friends,

The warmth of your welcome on my return more than compensates for the Florida sunshine which I left behind.

It is gratifying to be assured that "all elements are agreed on one point, their desire to support and cooperate with" me.

I trust that my stay in the warmer climate during the winter will enable me to carry on in such a manner as to make the most of the cooperation suggested above.

The reception given for Mrs. Gribbin and me by the Diocese on April 22 was an enjoyable occasion. The thought and effort expended by those who planned it and who carried it through so successfully was a noteworthy expression of loyalty to the Diocese. I wish to acknowledge with thanks their service, and to express my appreciation of all that their preparation and your attendance involved.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Robert E. Gribbin.

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Diocesan Convention

In the days when we were a Missionary District, Conventions were above all else a gathering place for friends who were inspired by a common task. In Missionary Districts the machinery is simpler, so that there is not so much to discuss. It therefore surprises us to look back and realize that when there was less for Convention to do, it put in at least twice the time that we spend at it today.

We can not help feeling that these our predecessors had a keener sense of values than we. Convention, in those days of travel over bad roads, was the one time of the year when friendships could be fostered and strengthened. We have heard many an old-timer tell of what they meant to him.

It is not necessary that we speed-merchants of a later day lose what they so valued. Diocesan Convention can still be a gathering entered into on such a high plane that memories of it can measure up to Isaiah's description of the refreshment that comes from the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. And if the Church is what we proclaim it to be whenever we recite the Nicene Creed, Convention can be a lasting inspiration to each of us as we go back to the hum-drum days of parish routine.

Carrying On

It is with great satisfaction that we hear that in so many places in our diocese, the remnant, greater or less as the case may be, of those whose residence the war has not disturbed are carrying on with great fidelity.

There is one factor in parish life to-day that is worthy of particular praise. In the nature of things, every man can not be a vestryman or every woman an officer in an organization. Yet so often it

happens that some, if you will, forgotten man, is pressed into service, and acquits himself admirably. It is these truly humble people, ready to serve or not serve as the rector or parish leaders may decide, that are the very leaven of the Church. To see them gladly and willingly taking over, with no thought that they might have been slighted in the past, is one of the very brightest spots in the life of the Church to-day. Truly, if we look for it, it is easy to find virtue in the Church in the doing of the trivial round, the common task.

Hard to Give Up

It is with great regret that we are obliged to chronicle the departure from the diocese of the Rev. Westwell Greenwood, although no one would wish to minimize the recognition of his worth

evidenced in his call to the important parish of Grace, Louisville.

Fr. Greenwood accepted the varied work which he is leaving because he knew that the task was arduous. In fact, there is nowhere else in the diocese where one's work is never done to the extent that that is true in the Black Mountain-Haw Creek-Oteen field. He worked exceedingly hard and left behind him an example of a priest who truly consecrated his time. Further than this, we are deeply grateful to him for, in the midst of his labors, taking the time to enable him to help the rest of us spiritually as he ever did when called upon to do so. It is men such as he, modest, unassuming, and yet so deep in spiritual power, that have made our diocese what it is. It is our hope that our brethren in Kentucky will find his presence among them as helpful as have we.

DIOCESAN NEWS

● The Twenty-second Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina is called to assemble on Tuesday, May 9, 1944, at Trinity Church, Asheville, N. C. The Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held the same day beginning with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m. in Trinity Church. The Rev. Wilburn C. Campbell, Executive Director of the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work will address both conventions. Mr. Campbell formerly lived in Waynesville. Miss Mary King of Atlanta, President of the Auxiliary in the Fourth Province, will be a guest of the Auxiliary.

● To observe Christian Family Week, May 7-14, the National Council's Division of Christian Education suggests: 1. For the Family: All members join in the Holy Communion; Whole family spend one evening of the week together at home; Work out interesting plan for the evening; Entertain some other family in your home some evening. 2. For the Parish: Sunday sermon on Christian family life; Special welcome to new families in the parish; Parish organizations deal with family matters at meetings during the week. 3. For the Community: Use radio and press to discuss family problems; Have public library display special collection of books on family life; Publicize and support Family Welfare Agencies of community.

MISS RUTH MARY WILSON is temporary resident worker at Glendale Springs, taking the place of former Church Army Sister T. Evelyn Howe who was married late in December to Mr. John Bowie. Mr. and Mrs. Bowie are living in San Francisco, Cal.

MISS ALINE CRONSHEY who was given a six months sick leave from her work at Edneyville returned on April 12th wonderfully restored in health and strength.

MISS MARIA MONROE of High Shoals has had to relinquish her work on account of the illness of her mother requiring her presence at home. She hopes to return to full time Church work as soon as her mother's condition will permit her to do so.

ST. MARK'S PARISH, Gastonia, in

particular and the Diocese in general were delighted when the Rev. Phillips S. Gilman withdrew his resignation and announced that he would remain as Rector of St. Mark's Church.

THE REV. WESTWELL GREENWOOD, who for the past four and a half years has rendered such valuable service as Vicar of St. James Church, Black Mountain, Priest-in-charge of Trinity Chapel, Haw Creek, and visiting chaplain at Oteen and the State Sanitarium, has resigned to become the Rector of Grace Church, Louisville, Ky., on May 1st. Fr. Greenwood has had a fruitful ministry and takes with him the best wishes of all who knew him. In addition to carrying on an active ministry in his own field, he has helped elsewhere and has served

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The Woman's Auxiliary

The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary held its regular Spring meeting March 29th in Trinity Parish House, Asheville. Although the weather was most disagreeable there were fifteen members present. Mrs. A. B. Stoney, President, presided. Reports were given by the different chairmen.

Mrs. Soule, Founder Of Women's United Thank Offering, Dies In Boston At Age Of 95

Mrs. Richard H. Soule, founder of the Women's United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church, died March 21st at her home, 1055 Beacon St., Boston, at the age of 95. Mrs. Soule travelled throughout the world to champion the fund, which has brought in millions of dollars to the Episcopal Church for missionary and charitable work.

It was at the general convention of 1886 that Mrs. Soule suggested the fund be created. Counting the offering of the women's auxiliary, she was dismayed to find that 500 women had given only \$100. In a spirited letter sent to a church publication, Mrs. Soule set forth the vital financial needs of women missionaries. From its meager beginning the fund rose to \$2,188 in 1889, and several times during peak years it topped \$1,000,000.

Mrs. Soule, the former Miss Ida Whittemore, was born in Boston and attended the same school as the late Bishop William Lawrence and was his life-long friend. For many years she resided in the Longwood section of Brookline. Her husband, a consulting engineer, died several years ago. On her ninety-fifth birthday, February 17th, she received congratulatory messages from churchmen and friends from many lands. Her daily drive, which she never missed, was taken the last time the day before she died.

Surviving are two sons, Augustus, Boston investment broker, and Winsor, California architect, and six grandchildren.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Western North Carolina will be held at Trinity Church, Asheville, Tuesday, May 9th. The meeting will open with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30 A. M.

Miss Mary King, president of the Fourth Province, will be the guest speaker and a real treat is in store for those who hear her. It is hoped that we will have a good attendance at the meeting.

Church Head Asks Fair Dealing With Japanese-Americans

Many Loyally Fighting With Allied Nations—Disloyal Minority Safely Cared For In Camps

New York, N. Y.—Fair play for Japanese-Americans is demanded by the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in an appeal to members of his Church and to all other Christian people.

"The 130,000 Japanese in Continental United States are residents of this country," Bishop Tucker said, "and entitled to the rights and privileges guaranteed to those who claim this land as their home. Seventy thousand of them are American citizens, born under the American flag, educated in American schools, and loyal to the American cause.

"Some 10,000 of these young Japanese-Americans are serving joyfully in the

Armed Forces of their country at home and abroad. Many by sheer merit, have been trained and commissioned as officers. There is Japanese-American blood being shed along with other American blood on the European battle front. There are areas. My personal knowledge of many of them, and the reports that I have received concerning others, convince me that the vast majority of them are thoroughly loyal to America.

"The contribution of the Japanese-Americans, both alien and citizens, to industry and agriculture, is limited only by their opportunity to work and to serve. Bigotry and ignorance and race prejudice in some quarters have made it difficult for them to give the full measure of service they are willing and able to render. The

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From somewhere in the Pacific, via the Episcopal Church's national headquarters in New York comes the picture of a set of chimes made of shell cases. Largely the work of Marine Corporal William P. Cole, the chimes call the men to chapel. The chimes are rung by turning the wooden crank. An Episcopal Church Chaplain comments that this is another indication that men on battlefronts want their Church with them.

NEWS A FIELD

● A gift of \$278.60 to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief comes from Naval officers and men "somewhere in New Guinea". The remittance was made by Chaplain Kenneth D. Perkins, 84th Naval Construction Battalion, who said it was "received on the third Sunday in Lent at our worship service held on the edge of a jungle. It represents the concern and interest of the officers and men of certain Naval units in this immediate area for the work of these relief agencies."

● A bedtime prayer for a modern child by the Rt. Rev. Christopher M. Chavasse, Bishop of Rochester, England:

"Bless the dear clinic which weighed me with care,
And the nursery school teacher who fine-combed my hair;
And the youth movement leaders so careworn for me,
And my mother, God bless her, whom never I see."

In his first public address in this country, the Archbishop of York said that he hopes for increased personal acquaintanceship and friendship between Britain and the United States. "Pacts and treaties in themselves will be quite useless unless they are built on the genuine good will of the people on whose behalf they are made. Cooperation based on self-interest may

for a time be very valuable but it does not stand the strain of misunderstanding unless it is the expression of mutual respect and friendship . . . We must make many personal contacts with the Russians, Chinese and our other allies if prejudices are to be overcome and misunderstandings removed."

The place of the Church in the tremendous task of reemployment for returned service men after the war will be the subject of the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D. D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, in a radio address in the Episcopal Church of the Air on May 14th.

Bishop Hart's address will be broadcast over Columbia Broadcasting System Stations originating at WCAU Philadelphia, 10:00 to 10:30 a. m. Eastern War Time. His topic is "The Church and the Returning Soldier." This program will be heard over Station WWNC in Asheville and attention of all our people is called to it.

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as President of the Priests' Fellowship and Examining Chaplain.

LENOIR, ST. JAMES: The Asheville Citizen carried an account of an interesting wedding in St. James Church, Lenoir, in which Lt. Elizabeth Dobbin, WAC, and Captain William White, were united in marriage. The bride's grandfather, the Rev. Hugh H. Dobbin, performed the ceremony. Congratulations!

CHURCH HEAD ASKS FAIR DEALING WITH JAPANESE-AMERICANS

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resettlement program of the War Relocation Authority should have the support and encouragement of every thinking American.

"That there are disloyal Japanese, those whose sympathies are distinctly not with us in this great conflict, no one will attempt to deny. We have internment camps for such, and those camps are not unoccupied."

"Any Japanese-American," Bishop Tucker concluded, "not now interned, free to seek employment, or already employed, Japanese-American lives being laid down beside other American lives in that same friend, and should be so regarded and received. Anything else than this, or less than this, is contrary alike to the spirit of American Democracy and to the tenets of our Christian Faith."

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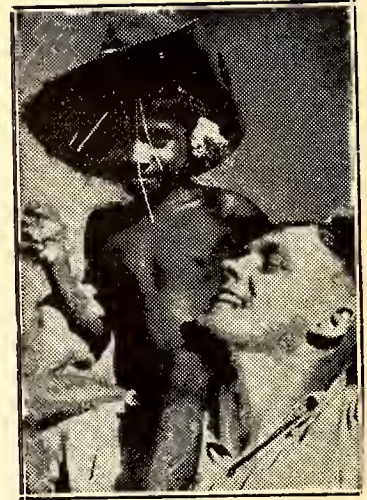
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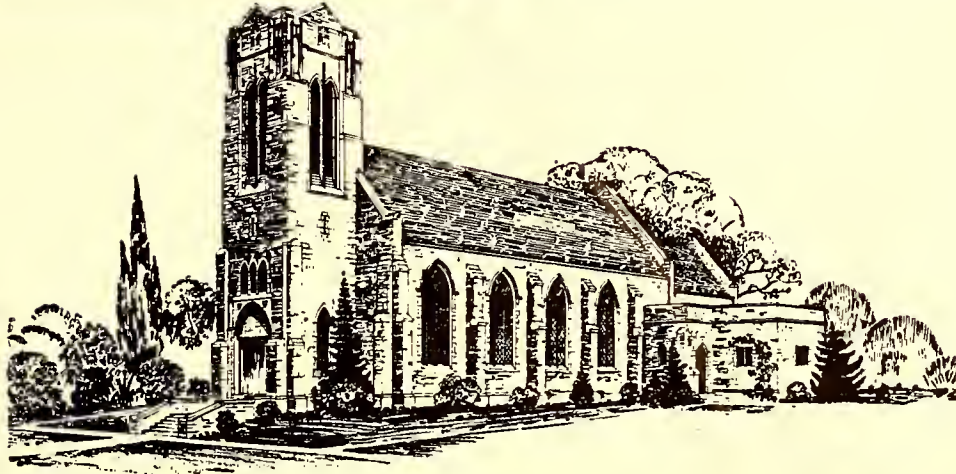
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A New Church For Hendersonville

On May 7, a program for raising funds to provide a new St. James Church for Hendersonville was inaugurated by the rector and vestry, with every prospect that success will mark its close on September 19, 1944, the birthday of the Church here.

Plans were first made a quarter of a century ago, and much of the Sanctuary and Chancel of the new Church, built of native granite, located directly behind the present structure, was completed before conditions wrought by the first World War, together with changes in the Diocese and Parish, forced suspension of the work. Each year has given increasing emphasis to the fact that the present Church is too small and entirely inadequate for parish needs, but not until the present time have the rector and vestry felt that its people were in position to begin a campaign for funds to complete the new building as soon as the war is ended.

\$50,000 Is Goal

The decision to go forward with plans for raising a fund of \$50,000 for construction of the new Church was reached after much prayerful thought had been given to the present pressing needs of the parish, as well as to providing for rapid expansion in the immediate future, and its announcement has met with heartening approval from leaders of the Church and endorsement from many sources in the town.

The Presiding Bishop Praises Plan

The Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop, when advised of the decision, wrote:

"I am very much interested to hear of your plan for raising a fund of \$50,000 to complete your new Church after the war.

"From my personal observation I recognize the pressing need for more adequate accommodation for St. James Church. In that Church you are not only serving the religious needs of a large and important local community but during the summer you provide an opportunity for worship to a great number of visitors.

"I hope, therefore, your appeal will meet with a generous response both from people in your community and from those who have had the privilege of worshipping in St. James Church."

Our Bishop Cites Need

The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, our Bishop, says:

"There is no place in the Diocese where a larger Church is more urgently needed. The building has many sacred asso-

ciations built into it in the past eighty years, but we must realize that it is inadequate."

St. James, in addition to ministering to a local congregation and to a large number of tourists, also has many attendants from Kanuga Conference, and another important element of its work is with students attending private schools in the town.

Dr. J. R. Sevier, President of Fassifern School for Girls, gave emphasis to this phase of work at St. James:

"Your plan to raise \$50,000 with which to complete your new Church building after the war is one of the finest bits of news I have heard in a long time. So many of the students of Fassifern enjoy attending your services that I feel it is a real privilege to have a part in this work. St. James Church is one of the finest assets of our little city"

Leading Citizens Commend

Other leading citizens of Hendersonville have said:

"No post-war planning is complete without proper provision being made for the spiritual values of a community; the building of a new St. James Church on the beautiful property located on North Main Street would not only be of great value to the parish but to our entire community."

The building now being used by the congregation of St. James is the only church on Main Street, and is the last among the original church buildings of the town now standing. It was erected during the early Civil War years of brick made locally and at least in part by slave labor. The structure, of simple chapel type which does not lend itself to alteration or enlargement, was erected in a period when little thought was given to provision for Church Schools, and has long ago proven too small for parish needs.

Over \$25,000 Already

The vestry, when the campaign started, had something like \$10,000 on hand for a building fund, and with this and gifts made since, they have more than half the \$50,000 in hand or pledged. St. James Parish numbers among its communicants many who represent a third or fourth generation of its founders and early members, and it is expected that with such association and its historic past, many gifts or furnishings for the new St. James Church will be given as memorials. The Executive Committee of the vestry, P. F. Patton, F. A. Ewbank and

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Invasion

We can make no prediction as to whether or not this long-expected event will or will not have taken place by the time that this appears in print. If it has not, we urge everyone to put all else aside and repair to the parish Church at the hour agreed upon for a service of intercession. In most communities there has been agreement upon an hour at which the Church bells will summon all worshippers to enter their respective houses of prayer. Here will be indeed a united act of all Christians, a true expression of Christian unity. In our own diocese, Bishop Gribbin has kindly furnished the clergy with a form of service to be used.

While Christians are agreed as to the necessity of such intercessions, there is in their minds great diversity of opinion as to the subject matter. It is interesting to realize that this divergency does not follow the pattern of a divided Christendom. Our own people, for instance, probably hold as many opinions as exist. If we may offer a suggestion, we believe it better to avoid such concepts as victory, righteousness of cause, guardians of freedom, etc., in favor of intercessions for a world more as God would have it; a just and righteous peace, and an America concerned with being an instrument for the furtherance of God's will rather than with its own rights.

There has been an improvement in our wartime thinking and language over that which prevailed in World War I without any lessening of patriotism. To hold this gain and to deepen it is the task of every Christian, particularly in his prayers in what we all hope are the last days of a hard and cruel war.

St. Mary's Raleigh

In practically every section of the nation there is a well-loved Church institution, for the most part self-sustaining, yet

which at rare intervals is obliged to make a financial appeal to its friends.

Such is St. Mary's School, Raleigh, in the life of the five Carolina dioceses. Carefully managed financially, it is not in the habit of making frantic appeals to balance its budget and meet operating deficits. However, when buildings deteriorate, and are outgrown, their renovation and construction can not be undertaken out of the school's current resources. Hence the appeal to the Church in the Carolinas for upwards of \$300,000, at a time when money is in circulation, to do the building when the era of post-war spending sets in.

THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN commends St. Mary's to its readers, and assures those who are not native Carolinians, and therefore not steeped in its traditions, of its worth.

Father Sill

The Reverend James B. Sill will retire the first of June from his work at St. Luke's, Chunn's Cove, and the Church of the Redeemer at Craggy, after a ministry

of thirty-three years in this Diocese. He came to us in 1911, taking up work at St. Francis' Church, Rutherfordton, and the church at Shelby. He was Rector of Calvary Church, Fletcher, for five years. He returned to Shelby in 1931 and remained there until coming to his present post in 1937. He has been widely associated with the work of the whole Diocese, serving the church at Hot Springs and Murphy and in Ashe County, in addition to the tenures just mentioned, and out of the goodness of his heart and the depth of his consecration he has added to his Sunday schedule by assisting the Rector of All Souls from time to time in recent years.

He is a priest beloved. He is, moreover, a Christian gentleman, so that his faith within and his manner without are one and the same thing.

If the reference to his years may be pardoned, we should like to quote the words from the "Keys to the Kingdom" where Mr. Cronin says by the mouth of Monsignor Sleeth: "Oh Lord . . . Let me learn something from this old man . . ."

DIOCESAN NEWS

● THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Diocese of Western North Carolina opened its sessions with a devotional service conducted by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, D. D., in Trinity Church, Asheville, on May 9, at 3 P. M.

The Bishop read his Annual Address. He declared that "the war has not changed and cannot alter the eternal truths which the Church proclaims."

In calling attention to the task of the Church, the Bishop quoted Archbishop Temple, as follows: "—first of all its duty is to be in living actuality—the fellowship of those who have received the power of the Holy Spirit through the revelation of the love of God in Christ. It is, therefore, in this earth the representation of the life of heaven. It is only when we understand the Church as existing first and foremost to be a worshipping community that we begin to understand either its nature or its task."

Archdeacon Kennedy's report was received by a standing vote in recognition of his long tenure of service.

The Rev. James B. Sill, Chairman of Unfinished Business, called attention to a resolution of the Convention of 1943 demanding that increase of clergy salaries should take precedence in the budget for 1944. Bishop Gribbin stated that some increases had been made.

At the evening service, held in Trinity Church, the Bishop read the prayers and the address was given by the Rev. Wilbur C. Campbell, representative of the Presiding Bishop on Layman's Work. His stirring address centered around three words: "Worship, Education, and Service".

A resolution concerning the Management of Patterson School was presented by Mr. Edwin S. Hartshorne. After considerable discussion, the resolution passed, and eleven people were nominated to serve on the Patterson School Board.

Second Day

The Holy Communion was celebrated in Trinity Church at 7:30 A. M. The Bishop was assisted in this service by the rector of Trinity Church, the Rev. George Floyd Rogers.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan introduced the following resolution concerning the use of the property at Valle Crucis School for a training school for those preparing to do rural Church Work:

"Resolved, that, the property and assets of the Valle Crucis School be placed under the Department of Missions and Church Extension of the Diocese of Western North Carolina to be administered by that Department in harmony with the missionary program of the Diocese and the Church generally and with the educational

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The Woman's Auxiliary

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Western North Carolina was held May 9th at Trinity Church, Asheville.

The meeting was opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion with the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, Bishop of the diocese, as celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Rufus A. Morgan, Franklin, and the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, Asheville.

Mrs. A. Burnette Stoney, the president, presided.

Greetings were brought the meeting by Mrs. W. E. Clarke of Trinity Parish, and Mrs. F. W. Druitt of All Souls Parish, joint hostesses, and the response was given by Mrs. W. T. Carpenter of St. James, Lenoir.

Thirty-three branches answered the roll call.

The principal address was made by Miss Mary King, President of the Province of Sewanee. She explained the difference between Provincial Gift and Special Gifts, saying Special Gifts were those earmarked for special purposes and the Provincial Gift was left to the discretion of the Province. Miss King spoke of world conditions today, saying she felt that the peoples of the world were divided into four groups: first, those who have suffered both mentally and physically; secondly, those who have become bitter; thirdly, those perplexed and bewildered, and fourthly, those eager to do but unprepared. She urged us not to fall in the last group. Out of a negative world we must have positive thinking. We must start individually, think intelligently and religiously, getting rid of intolerance. She said largely mothers would decide whether the post-war world would be a Christian world or not, it depends greatly on the home influence.

Bishop Gribbin brought greetings, after which the Rev. Wilburn C. Campbell of New York City spoke briefly on "Family, Father and Friends."

Mr. Morgan told of his work in the Southwest of the Diocese. He related his activities of this past Easter Day, which gave an idea of how varied his work is.

The afternoon session began promptly at 2:00 P. M. with the Rev. Tracy Lamar, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocesan Youth Commission, telling of the summer camp to be held at Patterson School June 4th to June 10th for Young People. He distributed copies of "The Sky-Line", Youth's Voice in the Diocese of Western North Carolina. The young people of the diocese should be very proud of this paper.

After the President's report the Treasurer gave her report and presented the proposed budget. Both were accepted.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming three years: Miss

Lucy Fletcher, Vice-President; Mrs. May T. New, Treasurer; Mrs. W. T. Carpenter, Secretary Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Mark Jenkins, Director for the First District; and Miss Mary Wood Sumner, Director for the Second District. Mrs. John E. Schley was elected to the nominating committee.

The following were elected delegates to the Provincial Meeting to be held in Nashville, Tenn., October 17th, 18th, 19th: Mrs. T. J. Wooldridge and Miss Lucy Fletcher, Asheville, and Mrs. J. P. Burke, Hendersonville.

Mrs. Owens Hand Brown, Hickory, Advance Work Chairman, made her report and recommended that the offering this year go toward the building of a recreational center and parish house at the back of St. Agnes Church, Franklin.

Brief reports were given by the following officers: Mrs. E. L. Glenn, Secretary Christian Education; Mrs. W. L. Balthis, Missions; Mrs. T. J. Wooldridge, U. T. O.; Miss Rebecca Nall, Altar Guild; Miss Florence Drinker, Church Periodical Club; Mrs. Mark Jenkins, College Work; Mrs. Chas. A. Plank, Secretary of Promotion; Mrs. H. H. Hannon, Director of Fifth District (Mrs. Lyles reported); Miss Lucy Fletcher, Director of First District; Mrs. F. P. Bacon, Director of Second District; Mrs. George Wiese, Director of Third District; Mrs. E. L. Kemper, Director of Fourth District. Mrs. E. P. Dameron, Supply Secretary, was unable to attend, but her splendid report was read by the Secretary.

After the installation of the Officers by the Bishop the meeting adjourned.

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needs which may be served in that connection, and under the supervision of the Bishop of the Diocese."

After brief speeches by the Rev. Wilbur C. Leach and Mr. Glover of Valle Crucis, and, after considerable discussion, a substitute motion introduced by Mr. Kingsland Van Winkle was adopted as follows:

"Resolved, that, the Bishop appoint a committee to investigate and report on the condition of the plant at Valle Crucis and the best use of it that can be made to promote the interest of the Church in this Diocese and submit any plan to the Trustees and Standing Committee and refer it to the Executive Council with power to act."

The Rev. Tracy Lamar, Jr., reported for the Youth Commission of which he is Secretary. He called special attention to the youth paper that is being printed by the Commission and to the youth camp that is to be conducted at Patterson School in June. The Bishop spoke briefly stressing the importance of this work.

Mr. Haywood Parker reported for the Committee on Constitution and Canons. He submitted the following amendment which was adopted, as follows:

"Amend Canon 14 by adding to Section 1 the following words:

"Members of the Executive Council whose three years term expire shall not be eligible for re-election until the annual Convention for the following year."

A highlight of the Convention meetings was as usual the gracious hospitality of the ladies who welcomed and cared for visitors and who managed the luncheons on both days, one being given at the First Methodist Church and the other at Trinity Church. The Chairman of Hospitality was Mrs. J. C. LaBorde. Her assistant hostesses from Trinity were:

Mrs. R. E. Gribbin, Mrs. George Floyd Rogers, Mrs. C. K. Robinson, Mrs. F. W. Thomas, Mrs. William G. Adams, Mrs. N. C. Duncan, Mrs. W. E. Clarke, Mrs. H. R. Cory, Mrs. DeWitt H. Clark.

Her assistant hostesses from All Souls were:

Mrs. F. W. Druitt, Miss Rita Rees,
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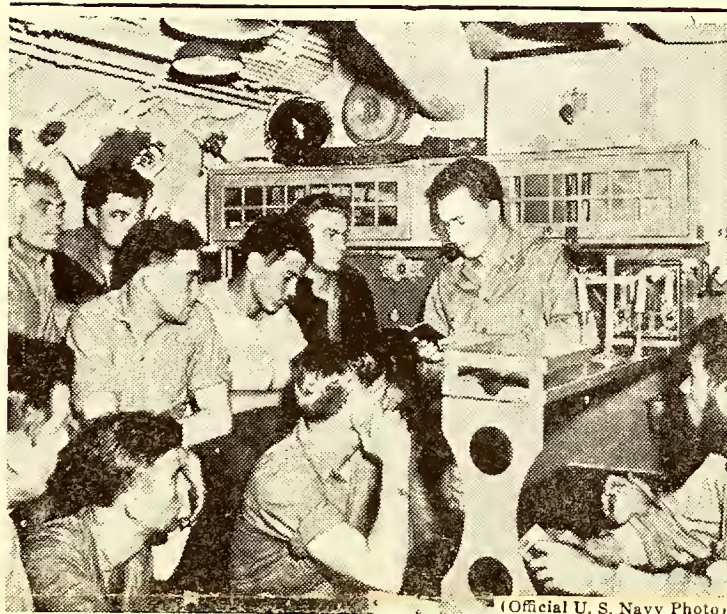
The long-expected Invasion has begun, and our President has asked our nation to go upon its knees in prayer. Churchmen respond to this call, both as loyal citizens and as loyal Christians having sons and daughters and fathers in the heat of battle.

Recently a conference was held for Diocesan leaders of the Fourth Province at Birmingham, Alabama. Our Diocese was represented. Another conference is being held at Patterson School for the entire clergy of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. At both these conferences Forward in Service is stressing its 1944-1945 program in which prayer receives special emphasis in forwarding the objectives of Christian Fellowship and Interracial Understanding.

One might possibly deduce that the Church is planning some sort of Invasion on its own part. It is, and it has. That invasion has already been begun, but by no means is ended. The first phase of the struggle is the invasion of ourselves. The invading force is the Holy Spirit who ceaselessly bombards our smug self-sufficiency, our wavering faith in God and the eternal verities, our satisfaction with the status quo, and our despair again at things as they are. This invasion on the part of God is most effective through prayer. In any real fellowship it is fundamental since Christian fellowship is based first on fellowship with Christ, then with Christians, and finally with all the children of God.

We believe a second phase of the Church's invasion is God's invasion of the Church as a corporate body as He accomplishes this through prayer life. Here we come especially to intercessory prayer, or prayer for others. This type of prayer leads us to the multiple spheres of life in which we live, to the people we meet daily, and to the people we never meet who yet affect our lives greatly, and who are still a real concern to God the Father.

That sphere of life with which the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN is particularly concerned is this Diocese. We are not quite certain yet as to whether or not we churchmen therein are the allies or the enemy. That really depends on whether or not God successfully invades the hearts and minds and souls of each one of us, of each parish and mission to the point of surrender to Him and His will. Assuming that this surrender has been accomplished, there must be a greater fellowship within the working forces of the Diocese. The Birmingham Conference emphasized the necessity for unifying and co-relating the work of the various Diocesan committees, commissions, and departments into a closer-knit and God-knit working fellowship. Parishes and missions of this Diocese have a considerable way to go still in achieving a truly Christian fellowship working for the extension of God's kingdom not only in their own communities, but throughout the Diocese. The invasion of God surely takes into account the enemy fortresses and strong points of arrogant Anglo-Catholicism and immovable low Church-



(Official U. S. Navy Photo)

Under the Pacific in a U. S. submarine, Episcopal Chaplain William S. Brown, U. S. N. R., conducts his first overseas service. He was formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Toledo, Ohio. Submarines usually do not have their own Chaplain, so when Chaplain Brown, passenger en route to a new station, suggested the service, the men consented eagerly. The Navy Department says this may well be the first official divine service every held on one of America's fighting submarines. Cross and candles are on a mess counter.

Has your parish made an offering to the Army and Navy Commission to assist in supplying our chaplains with portable altars, Bibles, and Prayer Books, Forward Day by Day, a small discretionary fund for emergency use? The Commission asks this year for \$440,000, twice as much as last year. This is the most important appeal before church people at this time.

manship which in some places defy a real Diocesan fellowship. Yet the forces of the living God are mighty, and are finding a common meeting place in the Lord Jesus Christ and the inclusive Church of His own founding, led through storm and stress of other ages by the Holy Spirit who yet gives us power over all enemies, internal and external, in these trying times. We are all blessed with a Godly Bishop to lead us to the things which belong unto our peace.

Under the guiding power of the Holy Spirit both the National Church (yes, even "281"!) and this Diocese are determined to go forward in a mighty invasion of all that blocks the Kingdom of God. A deeper fellowship with God through prayer and a determination to recognize God at work throughout His world, in all His children, will at least bring victory to the Kingdom of God and His Invasion forces.

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Salute to the New Masthead

You will notice that the masthead of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** in this issue shows many changes. The Chairman of Promotion, the Rev. Mr. Leavell, is now responsible for the front page article in each issue. This is altogether as it should be. The front page of the diocesan paper should be at the disposal of the Chairman of Promotion in order that it may promote in accordance with the plans of the Chairman. Henceforth there will be a close tie-in with what you read on the front page of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** and what is uppermost in the plans of the Department of Promotion.

We welcome Mr. Tatum of Waynesville to the arduous task of diocesan news editor and we hope that he will make the most of his opportunity to present as fully as possible the news of the Diocese. Mr. Stroup is gladly undertaking the role of assistant to the managing editor. Mr. Harmon Lee continues as business manager. The former Chairman of the Board is now managing editor. His responsibility is to arrange the material that comes to his desk each month and to be liaison between the contributors and the printing office in Asheville.

One of the most urgent needs has not yet been satisfied by this re-organization. We need a circulation manager badly. He would have the chance to increase the number of our advertisers and perhaps to enlarge the paper without additional cost. Most important of all, he should explore immediately the possibility of putting the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** into the hands of every person in the Diocese whether a subscriber to the red side of the envelope or not. Two or three thousand additional copies of the **CHURCHMAN**

could be printed each month with very little added cost. We hope to have such a new circulation manager soon.

The address of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** is still 2 Angle Street, Biltmore, and contributors are reminded that all ma-

terial is due on the Wednesday after the second Monday of each month. Henceforth this deadline will be more strictly adhered to because we want the paper to come out earlier in the month. Please remember the deadline!

DIOCESAN NEWS

Camp Patterson, 1944

The camp which was run so successfully for two weeks last August will be continued for three weeks this summer. It was felt by all concerned that it filled a need for recreation and training for boys during the vacation period, and that the School provided the ideal place for a camp. Therefore, with practically the same staff as before, with an additional year of experience, the campus will be humming with activity from July 30 to August 19.

The emphasis in Child Welfare during the present emergency has been on the theme of a sound mind in a sound body, with real concern for training in cooperative living. Educators have long agreed that the summer camp provides an excellent opportunity to accomplish this goal. The School is glad it can supply another means of giving the successive generations the training each needs. The Church and its institutions can pioneer with an unselfishness and a vision impossible to other organizations.

To the boy himself, fortunate enough to spend one or more weeks in the camp,

the play, the companionship, the adventures, AND the food are the main interests. The same general plan and program will be featured this year as last. We are counting on having the water front activities center at the Mill Dam with improved facilities. In that vicinity, with the older boys and the counselors working together, a Pioneer Camp will be established, where the overnight hikes and Scoutcraft projects will be based.

Busy parents of boys from eight to sixteen will learn with relief that here, for at least a part of the summer, their sons can relax in safe, wholesome areas, and gain something of that which they would like to share in themselves in another, better day. One of the finest points about Camp Patterson is its democratic spirit, which denotes life during the school term as well. Boys from nearby and from places requiring hours of travel, boys with elaborate equipment and boys with necessary clothing and a ready wit, country boys and city boys, appear and mingle together and in a few short hours are just campers . . . and friends.

CLERGY CONFERENCE AT PATTERSON SCHOOL

● A Clergy Conference, in answer to the call of Forward in Service and attended by our Bishop and 15 clergy, was conducted with interest and enthusiasm by its chairman, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Priest-in-Charge of missions in the southwestern part of the Diocese centered at St. Agnes, Franklin.

The leader of the Conference was the Rev. Ray Holder, Rector of Holy Innocents, Henderson, N. C., and Chairman of Forward in Service in the Diocese of N. C. His leadership was stimulating and inspiring and brought forth a tentative program to be presented to the Executive Council for approval.

The Conference agenda was:

1. Introductory analysis of fundamental problems confronting the Church.
2. Presentation of Plan of Action, 1944-45.
3. Review of methods, materials, and consideration of two recently adopted Plans of Action.
4. Discussion and promulgation of Plan of Action for W. N. C.

ST. MARY'S, QUAKER MEADOWS—Two members of St. Mary's attended the Patterson School Young Churchman's Camp and came back anxious to organize the young people of Grace Church.

We are trying a new schedule of services for the summer with Church School each Sunday at 10 A. M., and 8 P. M. service second and fourth Sundays each month. Forty attended our first 8 P. M. service, which is some increase over the attendance at former 3 P. M. services.

ST. PAUL'S, GLEN ALPINE—Services are being held at St. Paul's at 2:30 P. M. the first Sunday of each month.

Recently attendance has been quite good, with about 35 persons at the June service.

GRACE CHURCH, MORGANTON—The Men's Club in Grace Church has been recently revived and a constitution and by-laws adopted calling for five or six meetings a year. Two spring meetings were held with about 24 men present each time. Lt. Col. Chas. M. Walton was elected president, Dr. Thomas Nichols, vice-president, and Mr. Lee Oxford, secretary-treasurer.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is giving a picnic June 15 at Perkin's Farm for all the boys of the parish.

There were 10 members of Grace
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The Woman's Auxiliary

From the Christian Education Department

"There is a passage in Isaiah which has always seemed to me very beautiful because of its hope and tenderness for humanity:

"And a highway there shall be and a way and it shall be called the way of Holiness . . ." And it seems to me that is just what Jesus Christ came to show us, the Highway, which would lead man to the place "where he would be", not a way of life top-heavy with prohibitions and sacrifices and complicated philosophies understood only by the few and giving them power, but a highway, a place where everyone goes, where the business of life goes on, but which is safe and adequate for the common run of people such as flocked about Jesus . . ."

The above is an extract from a paper written by a member of the Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Asheville, Miss Marjory Bennett, leader of St. Audrey's Group. It is given here not only for its value, but that the women in the Parish Auxiliaries may see that their members can help in the Christian Education of Parish and the Auxiliary; in developing Christian Leadership. We need it as never before for the Post War World. Various members of the Trinity Auxiliary have given the addresses at the monthly general meetings—this was one of them—a twenty-minute paper on "Christianity in Russia". Others given have been on a Just and Durable Peace, Ventures in Christian Living and so on. It is the great desire of the Department of Christian Education that the women of the Diocese will take the studies sent out by "Forward in Service" and the Woman's Auxiliary Council seriously. You will find the new Auxiliary Programs soon to be out, of value, we hope, in this study.

If possible attend an all day study group at Kanuga. You cannot have a bed for the night, perhaps, but Kanuga can be reached for an all day picnic anyway, and they do allow visitors in the classes at the adult conference. And then there's the Retreat, you know; which could mean a turning point in your life!

Study Subjects For 1944-1945 Material

1. SOUTHEAST ASIA, now ready "West of the Date Line" and map; The only work of the Episcopal Church in this area is in the Phillipine Islands; and no information has been received since communications were stopped.

2. THE AMERICAN INDIAN—"Speaking of Indians" by our own Churchwoman, Ella C. Deloria. The Na-

tional Council is preparing a packet on the work of the Episcopal Church among the Indians.

3. HOW TO LEAD AN ADULT MISSIONARY DISCUSSION GROUP by J. H. P. Sailor. . . . 10 cents.

4. A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL PEOPLE—statement for social reconstruction adopted by General Convention, 3 cents, National Council, 281 4th Ave.

5. WHAT CHRISTIANS STAND FOR IN THE SECULAR WORLD—by the Archbishop of Canterbury, World Council of Churches, 297 4th Ave., New York.

6. CAN CHRISTIANITY BECOME AN EFFECTIVE HISTORICAL FORCE?—by J. H. Oldham, March 6th issue of Christianity and Crisis, 601 W. 120th St., New York.

7. FAR EASTERN SURVEY—American Council of the Ins. of Pacific Relations, 1 E. 54th St., New York.

8. UNITED THANK OFFERING MATERIAL: "Your Offering at Work"; "The World is my Community"; Leaflets on all interdenominational items in 1943 budget.

Meeting Of National Executive Board

The members of the National Executive Board had in April the opportunity for some unusual experiences outside of the regular business sessions. The first one was the pleasure of having Dr. Roswell Barnes, Associate General Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, as guest speaker at their Friday dinner meeting. Dr. Barnes spoke on the "Needs the Church will be confronted with in the post war world. . . . He began by saying that war creates a moral dynamism which carries people along and that, with the achievement of the objective (winning the war), there will be a relaxation and the Church must provide a new dynamism; or some movement, which does not have a high purpose, will develop and the people will follow. The Church must provide a new purpose which will demand sacrifice and cooperation. The first job after the war will be to restore world order (political and economic) and the second will be reconstruction; and here the Church has a job. We must face the following problems: 1. *Returning service men*; one-tenth of the population has had experiences nine-tenths know nothing about. The Government is doing some of the essential things but there should be a committee of Church people in every community, aware of these returning men and women, to help them adjust themselves to their new life. Clergy and older men and women can do much in pastoral care. 2. *Veterans' Hospitals* will have specially trained chaplains and pro-

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The Rev. Dudley Johnson Stroup

STROUP COMES TO CHUNN'S COVE AND CRAGGY

Minister in Charge Arrives June 1

We welcome the Rev. Dudley Johnson Stroup to the Diocese and wish him God's blessing and great success in his ministry. The Rev. Mr. Stroup was ordained to the Diaconate at the Church of the Ascension in Hickory, N. C., on the 16th of April by Bishop Gribbin in the presence of a large congregation. He was presented by his father, the Rev. Samuel B. Stroup, and the Rev. Gale Webbe of Christ School preached the ordination sermon. The Rev. Mr. Stroup is now in charge of the Church of the Redeemer, Craggy, and St. Luke's, Chunn's Cove.

Mr. Stroup was born September 12, 1917, in Hickory, N. C. He graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College, 1938. For the next several years he was engaged in publicity work in New York City. In the fall of 1941 he entered the General Theological Seminary where he was graduated this year. He has had considerable experience in the kind of work he is undertaking. In his summer vacation of 1942-43, he worked at Fort Plain and Canajoharie, N. Y., in the mission churches there. Accordingly, he brings good talents and a measure of experience with which to begin his work as he returns to his native Diocese, and we all wish him genuine happiness and satisfaction in return for the enthusiasm and dedication which he brings to us.

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Happy Valley

Scene of New Diocesan Youth Camp

Happy Valley was the scene of a gathering of young people from all over the Diocese. They met for a week of study, meditation, fellowship and the all-round fun associated with camp life.

Assembled were 46 representatives from the following churches: Lenoir, Morganton, Wilkesboro, Waynesville, Lincolnton, Gastonia, Shelby, Boone, Murphy, Bat Cave, Flat Rock, Canton, Welch Cove, Hendersonville, and Hickory.

Under the supervision of the Rev. Grant Folmsbee, there was active participation in such sports as swimming, dancing, volley ball, soft ball, tennis, ping-pong, hiking, archery, and dish washing. Such activity gave everybody huge appetites, and the excellent food prepared by the Patterson School dining room staff was heartily enjoyed by all. Camp members helped in the serving of the meals, as well as the aforementioned dish washing.

But not only did the young people have fun, but each attended three classes, and the following courses were offered: "The Prayerbook", Bishop Gribbin; "Interpreting the Church", the Rev. Mark Jenkins; "Life of Christ", the Rev. W. C. Leath; and "Leadership Training", the Rev. Tracy Lamar. In these classes the campers learned of very real and practical things, things which will directly affect their lives as Young Churchmen of W. N. C.

Camp Chaplain and Head Counsellor for the Camp was the Rev. B. M. Lackey. Besides Mr. Lackey, the Bishop, the Rev. Tracy Lamar, camp director, and the Rev. Charles Leavell, dean of the faculty, the Rev. Grant Folmsbee, the Rev. W. C. Leach, the Rev. Mark Jenkins and the Rev. Dudley Stroup were all present to conduct classes or to direct recreational activity.

It was through the interest and cour-

tesy and cooperation of Mr. George Wiese, director of the school, that it was possible to hold this conference at Patterson School.

Under these excellent leaders these young people learned much that will help them in organizing and expanding their youth programs in both the larger parishes and smaller missions.

These forty-six young people left Happy Valley with reluctance, but with the firm conviction that they were promoting stronger and more widespread participation in Diocesan Youth Activities, and that they were indeed better prepared to "Know the Christ and to Make Him Known!"

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grams of entertainment but the Church can help provide recreation programs in the community near the hospitals. 3. *People on the move* who are leaving areas because industrial plants are moving. The Church must keep in touch with these people. 4. *Women who have been in industry*—many are going to be restless now that they are no longer employed. 5. *Older people* who have been employed and are now being replaced by young men. The Church must provide meaningful occupation for all these people and fill their lives. See "The Church and Returning Service Personnel", No. 1 Attitudes and Problems, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York (10) N. Y.

Unification Of Leadership Bulletins

After the May issue of Pointers, there will be a consolidation of the four (Educational Reporter, Broadcast, Forward Today and Pointers) leadership publications into one, which will be called "Churchways". Subscriptions, which have been sent for Pointers, will be credited to "Churchways".

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Church at the Patterson School Young Churchman's Camp. Others are attending various Kanuga Conferences.

The summer Church School is to be taught by new teachers giving the regular faculty a rest. Classes will be combined and uniform lessons taught on the Catechism.

BIRTHS—The people of the Diocese of Western North Carolina will rejoice to learn that the Rev. and Mrs. Tracy H. Lamar, Jr. were blessed in the birth of a daughter, Sara Avary Lamar, on June 11.

The Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Noyes Northup of Biltmore announce the birth of Josephine Manigault on Father's Day, June 18.

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Church Extension In The Diocese

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan

"All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore." These words of Christ are the foundation for Christian missions. In the case of the apostles a waiting period was required until the authority, the power of God became an experience with them. That is the first requirement today for a missionary program. Without the full acceptance of the "Good News" and a thorough personal commitment to its implications, without a consciousness of the imperative of the prayer, "Thy kingdom come on earth", without the conviction of the contagious love of God as an adequate light and power out of our human tragedy, no one of us can be expected to be enthusiastic over the Christian missionary program. This applies to the Diocese of Western North Carolina as well as to the world generally.

A primary test of this sort of a faith, of this utter commitment to the purpose and will of God is our sense of fellowship one with another springing from our fellowship with God. Before engaging in the great adventure of evangelism we must pray fervently for grace to get beyond the factions and divisions which (however much we dislike to admit it) exist and create disharmony in our diocese. It might be a salutary spiritual exercise for the clergy, and the laity as far as they will, to take a list of our clergy, divide it into seven sections, and use one section for special intention in our prayers or at the altar each day of the week. And remember thus our Bishop each day. He is our chief shepherd in the Diocese and our burdens fall on him. Above all things we must realize our unity in Christ.

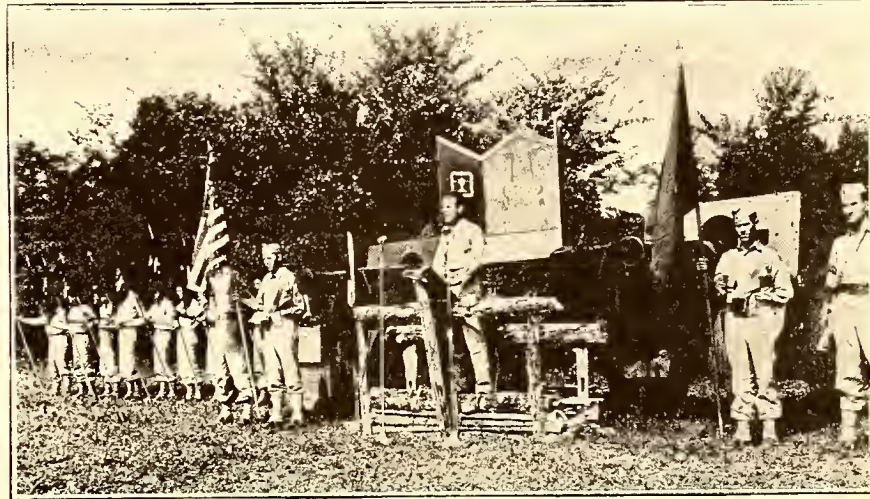
Growing out of this basic life of the Spirit we must have a missionary program. A plan or purpose or program cannot be carried out through individual, independent, isolated units. To this end certain elements seem important:

1. A clear view should be had of the material foundation which we have at our disposal in the way of equipment, property, endowment, and income.

2. An evaluation of these tools should be made to determine the best use of them and the best way of relating them for Church extension and for meeting the needs which exist in the Diocese.

3. Any vital program must include an early and continuing contact with all people affiliated with the Episcopal Church in the Diocese, assuring them of the concern of the Church for their developing spiritual life through the corporate life of the Church. These contacts will form the basis for further extension of the Church.

4. The formulation and the carrying out of an adequate program of Church extension will require that responsibility for



Our Chaplains Serve at the Front

In many an improvised church, such as the above, our chaplains are leading their men in worship, keeping the ministrations of the Church with the men.

It is in the Pacific area in particular that the lot of our men is happier because the missions of the Church were there long before the present necessity caused the arrival of our soldiers. This fact was recently illustrated by a rather humorous cartoon in which the characters were a native Pacific Islander and a G. I. Joe. The G. I., surprised at the native reading the Bible, asked: "Do you believe in that?" Pointing to a sizzling cauldron, the native replied, "If I didn't believe in this, you would be in that!"

A PRAYER FOR THOSE ON FAR-FLUNG BATTLE FRONTS!

Almighty God, grant that when we are done with sending our sons on foreign missions, armed with guns, we may be moved by Thy forgiving love, to send them on foreign missions armed with the Gospel of the Prince of Peace for the healing of the Nations; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

it be committed to some one or to some group, "with power to act".

5. Provision must be made for proper training of Church workers in the rural, and primarily mountain, field, with particular emphasis on people from the area itself. This should include the presentation of the call to such adventure to promising young people throughout the Diocese.

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Atheism

Most of us to-day are interested in the post-war world. It is a frequent topic of discussion. Asheville has a splendid organization working for the United Nations. It would seem that public sentiment in favor of a better world is growing. Perhaps some of it is purely selfish. It doesn't care for Russia or China or France, but wants desperately to be assured that a certain winsome, little golden-haired boy will not have to go overseas to fight. Some of it is far more altruistic than that. It realizes that there are little Chinese boys who are just as dear as our own. And some thank Harry Wallace and Madame Litvinoff for pointing out that in a just world, no child should be without his daily pint of milk.

Every so often, however, we receive a rude jar. Shoulders are shrugged and we get this rejoinder. "We might as well look out for ourselves. There will always be wars, and we had better, as victors, get all that we can out of this one."

There we believe is atheism at its lowest depths. Man has so talked through all the ages. It didn't matter so much when wars were fought by professional soldiers, but it matters tremendously now, when no baby in his cradle is safe.

If we had but one sermon to preach, one word to speak, one error to combat and one victory to win, we would pray that we might be given strength to confound and refute this ancient heresy. If there will always be wars, then it is mockery to serve the Prince of Peace. To work for a warless world means heavy sacrifice. Can it be that those who say that war can never be eradicated are unwilling to count the cost, or make the sacrifice? It is a terrible thought to hold of a fellow man. We can only beseech all

Christians never to let fall from their lips these words, which mean, in effect, that the Cross of Calvary is of no avail.

Vanderbilt's Church

We recently encountered a son of toil who thus referred to All Souls, Asheville.

At the very outset it should be clear that the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN has no desire to cast aspersion upon one of our parishes, or upon a layman in Paradise who did much for its welfare. Let's suppose that instead he had said: Parker's Church or Eubank's Church, with all that honorable names connote.

But why this identification of a building with a man, and particularly one gone to his reward? The answer is not a comforting one. Evidently the man did not know that All Souls is an Episcopal Church. Perhaps he had not so much as heard if there be any Episcopal Church.

Taking the incident out of its setting, we realize that it might have happened

anywhere. Whether we like it or not, we must realize that there is a large section of America that simply does not know that we exist, or, if they do, think of us as a queer sect imported from somewhere else. To too many, we are an exotic.

What is the remedy? The prayer book bids us pray for all sorts and conditions of men. We must put our prayers into action. Too long have we been considered the Church of a type. Yet our people are not snobs. They have probably as large spiritual horizons as are found in Christendom. No one at All Souls, or anywhere else, would have snubbed the man in question. Our trouble is that we do not worry enough over the fact that he and his kind do not attend our places of worship. We must take care that we do not think of certain types of people as alien to the Episcopal Church. Gladly as we would welcome them, if they came, we fear that we don't much care whether they come or stay away. Let's forget about the conventional Episcopalian. There shouldn't be any such animal.

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FONTANA COMMUNITY CHURCH

● A religious activities committee, elected by the members of the congregation of the Community Church, directs the work of the Rev. Grant Folmsbee and Captain William Paddock of the Church Army at Fontana Dam, N. C. The population of 5,000 is divided into workers and their families, and dormitory residents. Every need of an ordinary parish is met among the former, and the latter have a regular program of worship, study and counsel designed to help these transients away from home. The Rev. Charles Boggs of the Methodist Church visits each week and conducts services twice a month. All the work is undenominational except for the communion services of the Roman Catholics, Church of Christ, and a weekly Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer.

Unusual features of the work include worship services in recreation halls, summer revivals by ordained and lay preachers, and the large part played by laymen. The deep interest shown in the music, the Sunday Schools, the promotional activities, and the recreation of youth, is in large measure responsible for the success of the program. The cooperation of adherents of a great variety of denominations is remarkable. The fundamental teachings of Scripture and the needs of one's fellowmen determine each course of action. Charity has always ruled in the decisions concerning procedure and ritual, with the ultimate effect on the work of the Kingdom of God being the guide.

These facts are revealing. Attendance at all the Sunday Schools averages 435. The morning Village congregation July 2 numbered 162, evening 100. Twenty-four young people attended the League meeting, and 16 intermediate boys and girls met with the Junior Leader. The Vacation Bible School, having ten sessions, opened with 180 pupils, and 14 on the staff. Christianity here presents a united front to the problems of the world.

This work was organized in December, 1942. The dam being constructed by the Tennessee Valley Authority is nearing completion, and the next six months will see a sharp drop in population, but the Episcopal Church, which has fostered this work from the beginning, will keep it going as long as necessary.

IMPRESSIVE CONFIRMATION AT GRACE CHURCH IN THE MOUNTAINS: On Wednesday, July the fifth, Rev. Robert G. Tatum, Rector of Grace Church in the Mountains presented seven people for confirmation. This service was

made all the more impressive by the fact that two service men, home on furlough, desired to receive the Gifts of God's Holy Spirit in confirmation. To these two men, were added five more who had also re-

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The Woman's Auxiliary

Churchwomen Can Help Clothe War Victims

We believe that many of our Churchwomen would like to have a personal share in helping to provide clothes for the devastated populations of Greece, Russia, France and North Africa. Perhaps this should become all the more a part of our work and interest until it is again possible to supply our missions in China and the Philippines.

Doubtless, there are groups of women in many dioceses who, having completed their assignments of supply work, will welcome an opportunity to make garments this summer for the girls and boys in Greece who are ragged and thin; or to make a quilt for the bed of an old person evacuated from the bombed out sections of London; or to sew and knit for the children of France, North Africa—and for the women and children in Russia starting life over again in recaptured areas swept clean of bare necessities by the Nazi invasion.

Among the channels through which parish groups and individual women may participate:

The American Friends Service Committee needs quilts for the aged; men's shirts and pajamas; women's dresses, underwear and nightgowns; clothes and underwear for children; and layettes, which should be made according to directions furnished by the Committee. Clothing Committees and storerooms are located in many parts of the United States. For details and for addresses of the one nearest you, communicate with the American Friends Service Committee, 20 South Twelfth St., Philadelphia 7, Pa., and ask for leaflets; Directions for Clothing and Other Relief Needs, and Stretching Pennies, the latter with suggestions for groups which cannot make a large outlay for new materials.

The Greek War Relief Association is particularly short of children's clothing and would welcome underclothes for both boys and girls, dresses, shorts, sweaters, ages two to sixteen; and good used clothing of all kinds. Their goal is twenty million garments if the people of Greece are to be protected from exposure and disease. The problem is not one of sending emergency clothing relief to certain sections of Greece. It is the problem of reclothing an entire nation. For complete instructions and addresses of their nearest collection depot, write to Mrs. Harry A. Hill, Greek War Relief Association, 730 Fifth Ave., New York 19, N. Y.

The Russian War Relief needs especially baby wrappers, sacques, mittens, bootees, children's overalls and dresses; women's skirts, blouses; they provide

garments cut out with instructions for making. Unless you know of a Russian War Relief workroom in your city, communicate with Miss Gertrude Warburton, National Sewing Director, R W R, 11 East 35th St., New York 16, N. Y.

This plan is offered for two reasons: we should be rendering an invaluable service to the suffering and destitute of Europe through accredited community agencies which are able to make shipments and assure distribution where the goods are needed; and we shall thus be participating in an overseas relief program when aid to our own overseas missions is greatly restricted.

We do not wish to imply that these suggestions are in any way a substitute for supplying our own missions for which no one else will provide; rather, they may give us an extra opportunity for service and a way of continuing group activity through sewing during the summer. We shall need to bear in mind at the same time the constant need of our own domestic missions for used clothing.

Hundreds of Auxiliary groups and individual women throughout the country have made gifts of money to one or all these organizations through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. These suggestions come as a supplementary means of service. Only a few of us can go ourselves, but we can send our gifts of money and clothing. Let it be said of our Church "In His Name we gave".

A LITTLE HUMOR NOW AND THEN!

The clergyman in a wayside church was about to start a sermon when four soldiers entered.

They were late, and very conscious of it. Two of them found seats; the others, a sergeant and a private, walked up the center aisle.

At that moment the preacher announced his text: "Paul I know, Cephos I know, but who are these?"

The sergeant paused in his stride then sang out: "Glad to have the pleasure, your reverence. This is Jock McTavish from Glasgow, and I'm Willie Hope from Belfast."

Now, in a more serious vein.

One of our good church people recently told your Diocesan Treasurer that he reminded him of Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist".

How?

Because he was always calling for "More—more—more".

Well, be that as it may, the financial needs of our Diocese are great, and thus far nothing has been found to take the place of money. You will recall that we pledged the National Council in New York the sum of \$6,500.00 for 1944, which is supposed to be exactly one half of our

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LACKEY ORDAINED DEACON

Historic St. James's Church, Lenoir, Is Scene Of Event

Boston McGee Lackey, Jr., was ordained to the Diaconate, Sunday, June 25, at an impressive service in St. James's Church, Lenoir. It was the first service of its kind ever to be held in the old church which dates from 1852.

Mr. Lackey was ordained by the Bishop of our Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, being presented by his father, the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Rector of Saint James's Church. The candidate's uncle, the Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, read the Litany of Ordination; the Rev. Hugh A. Dobbin, former head of Patterson School at Legerwood, read the Epistle. The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Winston-Salem, the Rev. James S. Cox, preached. Many persons from out of town were present at the ceremony.

After the service the Woman's Auxiliary entertained the new minister and his friends at a luncheon in the parish house.

Mr. Lackey was born in Raleigh in 1921 and his mother was the former Miss Janet Matthew. He was Valedictorian of his class in High School in 1938, and graduated from Chapel Hill in 1942. He was president of the senior class of which he was a member at the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria in 1944.

Mr. Lackey assumed the duties of Curate of St. John's Church, Waterbury, Connecticut, early this month.

ACTIVITY AT THE REDEEMER

The past few weeks have seen much activity around the Church of the Redeemer, out on Craggy Road, near Asheville. Reason for this is found in the alterations on the parish house, one floor of which is being rapidly remodeled into an apartment for the new Deacon-in-charge, the Rev. Dudley J. Stroup. The lower floor was found to be satisfactory for an apartment, and what will probably be the permanent living quarters for the Redeemer is rapidly taking shape. The interior has been repainted and rewired, and gifts of furniture have completely changed its appearance in a few short weeks. The members of the parish have been most generous in their gifts, and with their labor. There yet remain a few items, however, which it has been impossible to find. Among these are a hot water tank and heater, and a circulating stove with which to heat the rectory next winter.

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ceived training. Bishop Thomson called up to administer the rite.

The beauty of Bishop Thomson's inspiring sermon lay in the thoughts he brought forth forcefully of the use of Wisdom, Power and Goodness. All of these virtues are so closely allied that they form a trinity to make our lives complete.

REORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL: On the second Sunday after Trinity, the Church School of Grace Church in the Mountains was reorganized. Mr. Walter Hill was appointed as Superintendent with Mrs. Sam Marsh, Mrs. Jane Grace Crawford, Miss Katherine Calhoun and Mr. Robert Hill as teachers. Enrollment at first was rather small but each succeeding Sunday has found attendance increasing and as the fact becomes known of the reorganization, the classes will increase rapidly. All connected with the Sunday School are enthusiastic workers and will gain the confidence of the children to the extent that the interest and attendance will grow.

OPENING OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION: Church of the Holy Communion at Balsam, N. C., opened on June 18th, the second Sunday after Trinity.

A very gratifying feature of the first meeting of this Church was the attendance of six young men and one small girl. Since that first meeting, the attendance has grown to thirty and each succeeding Sunday will find more attending. Rev. Robert G. Tatum is the Rector at The Church of the Holy Communion and is taking a very active interest in this work. Services are at 5:00 P. M. each Sunday.

RT. REV. AND MRS. ARTHUR C. THOMSON SPENDING SUMMER IN WAYNESVILLE: Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur C. Thomson are spending the summer in Waynesville. Rt. Rev. Thomson is the retired Bishop of the Diocese

of Southern Virginia and is the son of the late Venerable Elliott H. Thomson, Arch Deacon of Shanghai.

Rt. Rev. Thomson will be in charge of services at St. Andrews Church in Canton during his stay here, and will assist Bishop Gribbin whenever possible in the Diocese.

The Rt. Rev. John Durham Wing, D. D., Bishop of Southern Florida, was assisted during the past winter by Bishop Thompson. Bishop Thompson confirmed more than five hundred persons during this time.

The late Venerable Elliott H. Thomson served for more than sixty years as Archdeacon of the Episcopal Church in China.

It is a rare privilege to have Bishop Thomson with us for the summer.

CHUNN'S COVE: The young people of St. Luke's, Chunn's Cove, held a meeting on June 15th, at which time it was decided to hold a regular meeting the second Monday evening of each month.

Miss Louise Britt was elected President of the young people's group and Miss Laura Ramsey secretary. Twelve young people were present.

Craggy: On June 16th, the young people of Redeemer, Craggy, met to organize a young people's Fellowship, which will meet every Tuesday night. Mr. Billy Huntsman was elected Chairman and Miss Athelene Wilson, Secretary. A membership drive is being undertaken between now and September 1st, at which time the losing team will give a party for the winners.

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collections for the work of the program of the Church, the other \$6,500.00 being spent right here in our own Diocese.

Up to date, our subscriptions amount to less than \$10,000.00, and we regret to say that from some places absolutely nothing has been heard, either in pledges or receipts. This is not as it should be. Every Parish or mission should do its full part to help carry this burden, and we hope that at least some one in each Parish is interested enough to refer to the last copy of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** and note just how his particular Parish stands. If in arrears, please see to it that something is done about it so that when our next financial statement is made as of September 30, everyone will have either paid up in full or met its proportionate part of its pledge for the program of the Church. If we all pull together, this obstacle can be surmounted, and we are again begging for more help and assistance from you.

Very respectfully,
William M. Redwood,
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The beauty of Bishop Thomson's inspiring sermon lay in the thoughts he brought forth forcefully of the use of Wisdom, Power and Goodness. All of these virtues are so closely allied that they form a trinity to make our lives complete.

REORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL: On the second Sunday after Trinity, the Church School of Grace Church in the Mountains was reorganized. Mr. Walter Hill was appointed as Superintendent with Mrs. Sam Marsh, Mrs. Jane Grace Crawford, Miss Katherine Calhoun and Mr. Robert Hill as teachers. Enrollment at first was rather small but each succeeding Sunday has found attendance increasing and as the fact becomes known of the reorganization, the classes will increase rapidly. All connected with the Sunday School are enthusiastic workers and will gain the confidence of the children to the extent that the interest and attendance will grow.

OPENING OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION: Church of the Holy Communion at Balsam, N. C., opened on June 18th, the second Sunday after Trinity.

A very gratifying feature of the first meeting of this Church was the attendance of six young men and one small girl. Since that first meeting, the attendance has grown to thirty and each succeeding Sunday will find more attending. Rev. Robert G. Tatum is the Rector at The Church of the Holy Communion and is taking a very active interest in this work. Services are at 5:00 P. M. each Sunday.

RT. REV. AND MRS. ARTHUR C. THOMSON SPENDING SUMMER IN WAYNESVILLE: Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur C. Thomson are spending the summer in Waynesville. Rt. Rev. Thomson is the retired Bishop of the Diocese

of Southern Virginia and is the son of the late Venerable Elliott H. Thomson, Arch Deacon of Shanghai.

Rt. Rev. Thomson will be in charge of services at St. Andrews Church in Canton during his stay here, and will assist Bishop Gribbin whenever possible in the Diocese.

The Rt. Rev. John Durham Wing, D. D., Bishop of Southern Florida, was assisted during the past winter by Bishop Thompson. Bishop Thompson confirmed more than five hundred persons during this time.

The late Venerable Elliott H. Thomson served for more than sixty years as Archdeacon of the Episcopal Church in China.

It is a rare privilege to have Bishop Thomson with us for the summer.

CHUNN'S COVE: The young people of St. Luke's, Chunn's Cove, held a meeting on June 15th, at which time it was decided to hold a regular meeting the second Monday evening of each month.

Miss Louise Britt was elected President of the young people's group and Miss Laura Ramsey secretary. Twelve young people were present.

Craggy: On June 16th, the young people of Redeemer, Craggy, met to organize a young people's Fellowship, which will meet every Tuesday night. Mr. Billy Huntsman was elected Chairman and Miss Athelene Wilson, Secretary. A membership drive is being undertaken between now and September 1st, at which time the losing team will give a party for the winners.

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collections for the work of the program of the Church, the other \$6,500.00 being spent right here in our own Diocese.

Up to date, our subscriptions amount to less than \$10,000.00, and we regret to say that from some places absolutely nothing has been heard, either in pledges or receipts. This is not as it should be. Every Parish or mission should do its full part to help carry this burden, and we hope that at least some one in each Parish is interested enough to refer to the last copy of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** and note just how his particular Parish stands. If in arrears, please see to it that something is done about it so that when our next financial statement is made as of September 30, everyone will have either paid up in full or met its proportionate part of its pledge for the program of the Church. If we all pull together, this obstacle can be surmounted, and we are again begging for more help and assistance from you.

Very respectfully,
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Kismet or the Finger of God?

It is hard to measure the harm done by the proponents of the theory of the Infallible Bible, with each sentence of equal inspirational value. Recently such an one informed an audience that the Bible proved conclusively that there would be a Third World War. As this address was delivered in a municipally owned building in the course of a self-styled "City wide" campaign, it undoubtedly carried weight in some minds.

What an awful picture! The very Word of God, designed to bring both comfort and illumination to God's children, used to point out the probable overthrow of Christian civilization, hanging over us as an inevitable fate. Kismet. Our doom is sealed.

No wonder that as a result of this sort of thing, numbers of people recoil and abandon all Christian hope whatsoever, throwing away both faith and morals.

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." God's glorious book records the struggles of man upward, and the consummation of his striving in the Person of the Incarnate Son of God. The page of history adds a further record of his yearnings and mistakes. It is there for all to read. Plain as day, there are for our admonition, the errors and sins of God's ancient people ending in the complete destruction of Jerusalem. Equally clear are the records of slavery, greed, and selfishness which have almost resulted in the downfall of the Western world as we knew it. Clearly through the ages ring the voices of the prophets pointing out to man his grievous errors, always showing the possibility of repentance and return, until to-day we see in the Providence of God this mighty

nation entrusted with a second opportunity to create a better, juster world. It is for the preaching of this theme that we need evangelists to-day.

The thought is overwhelming. Can we possibly calculate the good that would come if constantly from some Christian pulpit, there came the challenge to America to take up the torch placed by God in her hands, to lead the world into justice, mercy, and an expression of the Mind of Christ?

Of Parish Budgets

Much of the spade-work done by the Executive Council of the diocese and its departments has had to be postponed this

summer. Fall activities are upon us and we thus far lack the guidance which those entrusted by the diocese with these tasks, are in the habit of giving our congregations.

If it should happen that there are parishes which are already anticipating their annual canvass, it would be well if the Canvass Chairman got in touch with either Bishop Gribbin or Mr. Redwood to obtain at least an approximate estimate of the parish quota. For missions are to-day one of the world's great realities. The war has proven their value. Hence, we all wish to know what is our part and what is expected of us. Let no parish or mission proceed with its fall campaign in ignorance of this fact.

DIOCESAN NEWS

● Of much interest to the meeting of the Convocation of Asheville, which met at Calvary Church, Fletcher, August 29-30, were four papers on topics regarding which Christians need to do some thinking. They were:

The Church and the Returning Service Men, by Bishop Gribbin.

The Church and the United Nations, by The Rev. Walter S. Cain.

Can Christians Prevent a Third World War, and if so, What can they do? The Rev. Frank A. Saylor.

Must there be a Second Period like the Twenties, by The Rev. James P. Burke.

The Rev. Joseph R. Clair preached an able sermon at Evensong Tuesday night on "The Dangers of Expediency."

The Rev. Dudley J. Stroup was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Convocation to succeed the Rev. Westwell Greenwood. The Convocation acting upon a question referred to both Convocations by the diocesan Convention expressed itself adversely to action that would make mandatory the non-inclusion of the Children's Lenter offering in the parish quota.

Calvary Parish provided an abundant and delightful hospitality.

● **PROVINCIAL SYNOD TO MEET AT NASHVILLE.** The meeting of the Synod of the Province of Sewanee will be held in Christ Church, Nashville, Tennessee, on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of October. Delegates from this diocese are the Reverends G. F. Rogers, A. W. Farnum, A. Rufus Morgan, G. M. Jenkins, C. G. Leavell, I. N. Northup, and the Messrs. Francis P. Bacon, DeWitt Clarke, William L. Balthis, H. V. Smedberg, E. L. Kemper, and F. M. Tongue.

FOLMSBEE GOES TO LINCOLNTON. The Rev. Grant Folmsbee, for some time pastor of the Community Church, Fontana Dam, has accepted a call to be rector of St. Luke's, Lincolnton, and took up his duties there on September 1st. The Rev. Maxwell Ganter, the former rector, who retired because of disability, will continue to reside temporarily in the rectory, and it is hoped that he will soon regain his health and strength.

NEW MINISTER AT RUTHERFORDTON. The Rev. George C. Ashton, formerly of Concord, has become minister-in-charge of St. Gabriel's Church, Rutherfordton, and connected missions in that field.

ST. MARY'S, ASHEVILLE: St. Mary's has for years had a Vacation School in the latter part of July. As this could not be held this year, its leader, Mrs. Millard Ward, and some of her helpers collaborated in a parish Training Institute for teachers, meeting once a week for five weeks. The subjects dealt with were: "The Principles of Religious

Pedagogy", "Religious Reading for Church School Teachers and Pupils", "The Art of Story-telling", "Music in the Church School", and "Virtues of the Devoted Church School Teacher." Assisting Mrs. Ward were Mrs. Mark Reed, Mrs. E. K. Krauss, Mrs. J. Mac Fadyen, and Miss Parks of the Pack Memorial Library.

It is felt generally at St. Mary's that this venture ranks among the parish's very highest accomplishments as it will immeasurably improve the technique of the Church School staff.

THE PATTERSON SCHOOL FOR BOYS is adding the fifth grade to its curriculum, beginning with the fall session opening on September 6, 1944.

GRACE CHURCH, MORGANTON: Activities in Grace Church were cut to the minimum this summer owing to the prevalence of polio. Plans for a Daily Vacation Bible School had to be dropped, and the summer Sunday School discon-

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All Women Can Help Establish Happy Constructive Interracial Relations

Every woman in every parish has an opportunity to "practise brotherhood." For every community includes people of different racial backgrounds. What specifically, can each woman do, and what can she help her parish do in order to establish happy and constructive interracial relationships?

Writing as president of the Federal Council, the Rt. Rev. H. St. George Tucker calls attention to problems of race relationships, saying: "Persons of different languages, customs, and complexions in our midst are suffering from unjust discriminations and unfair practices. Being sorry is not enough. We want to do something to make amends and straighten the way for the future. Sharing with others the annual race relations message of the Federal Council will help. Seeing to it that group leaders know about the excellent program and material prepared by the Federal Council's race relations department will help. Working through intellegent and alert community race relations committees will help". The message referred to by Bishop Tucker may be ordered as Publication No. 53 from the Federal Council, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. Listing some of the forms in which race prejudice is manifested, the statement goes on to suggest a number of specific attitudes and courses of action which the Christian will wish to adopt, if he has not already done so.

"Better race relations," says Bishop Tucker, "will come primarily from better personal relations. It is a question of man-to-man personal contact, first-hand experience, learning by working together. By friendly personal understanding of people in different groups, we can solve the great American race problem. With mutual understanding and good will there is promise of ultimate solutions."

California makes good use of its interracial opportunities. At a United Nations Market held by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mark's, Berkeley, a Chinese table was presided over by a Chinese woman, Mrs. B. Y. Chue of the True Sunshine Mission, Oakland, while women from St. John's Orthodox Church provided a table of Russian food.

Lillian E. Smith, editor of "South Today", has written a 10,000 word article for Social Action Magazine on race, America's most urgent domestic problem. Miss Smith, a Southern woman from Clayton, Ga., presents a challenge that cannot be ignored; the challenge is to change, not the Negro, but ourselves.
—Janett F. Plank.



PROMINENT CHURCHMEN IN THE NEWS

Eric A. Johnston, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and prominent Episcopal Churchman, pleads that postwar planning be guided by moral and spiritual principles, and be based upon recognition of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. "At no time have moral and spiritual values weighed so heavily in the scales of human destiny," Mr. Johnson said.

Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, Senior Warden of St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., has been given the 1944 annual award for "Outstanding work by a District of Columbia Layman," by the Washington Federation of Churches. The citation praises his services to the community through the Church, and his practice of the Christian ethics in daily life.

YOUTH

"One Way" for 1944-1945

By the Rev. Tracy Lamar

To guide and direct, encourage and stimulate this growing enthusiasm among the youth of our Church, the National Youth Commission brings a program, a "plan of action", if you will, under the very significant title "One Way." "One Way" is another evidence of our young people's desire "To Know the Christ and to Make Him Known." It is also a significant step in united Study, Worship, and Action among all the Church's youth throughout the nation.

In its practical aspects "One Way", published in pamphlet form, is designed to form a basis upon which an entire year's program in any Parish or Mission may be built. It is appealing in its use of all of the resources of the Church's year, and in its challenge to study the significant problems facing the Christian youth of today. The booklet itself is made up in columnar form for planning the year's work. The Calendar, the Program, Suggested Action and, finally, what the particular youth group or individual will do, make an easy and effective way of working out a complete year's program.

Here in the Diocese the program presented in "One Way" has been adopted as a part of the over-all Forward In Service Plan of Action for the coming year. It has been thoroughly studied by some of our young people at the Diocesan Camp this summer. Its appeal to them was great, but however strong its appeal

to the young people there still stands their appeal for guidance and help to the adult generation in each congregation.

DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION MEETS Plans For Fall Discussed

The Chairman of the Department of Promotion, the Rev. Charles Leavell, called a meeting for Tuesday, September 5, in the Langren Hotel in Asheville. The presence of Bishop Gribbin added much interest and satisfaction to the discussion of the matters in hand, as well as good humor.

A plan of action was decided upon that should be a matter of great interest and inspiration and help to the diocese. During the weeks preceding the every member canvass, which occurs the last two weeks in November and the first week in December, there will be a number of groups composed of one mission clergyman, one layman and one laywoman who will be available to visit any parish or mission who desire to have them come either for a Sunday service or a week day service or parish meeting in order to present different phases of the work of the General Church and of the Diocese.

If our Missions and Parish Churches are to move forward, if our Diocese is to move forward, if our whole great Church is to move forward, we must know our Church, what it is doing, and what we can do to advance its progress.

It is the humble desire of the Department of Promotion to do all it can to serve. We hope you will call upon us.

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would be sixty feet deep on our campus in front of the main school building. Our opportunities for service would be completely wiped out.

There have been in the history of the school two major floods: that of 1916 and that of 1940. The school suffered the loss of its power plant and damage to the farm crops in the 1940 flood. However, the power plant was rebuilt above the reach of future floods, and the added fertility which the flood waters brought to the bottom lands more than offset the partial loss of one year's crop. The experience of our neighbors is the same. The losses from an occasional flood are insignificant in comparison to the permanent destruction of a whole section of valuable land, a section of unrivalled natural beauty and rich in history and tradition, and the nullifying of the Church's opportunity of service through Patterson School. More effective control of flood waters could be brought about by placing the dams on the headwaters of the Yadkin and its tributaries, where more serious damage is caused by floods, thus protecting the productive valley lands and increasing their value.

The citizens of the Yadkin Valley have organized to lay the facts before our representatives in Congress and to express their protest against the measure. Fifteen petitions, signed by 1110 citizens of eighteen years old and over, have been sent to the two Senators from this District and our Congressman. Over twenty resolutions have been sent from organizations either in the Yadkin Valley or Lenoir, who would suffer loss from the inundation of the Valley. These include the American Legion, the Lenoir Chamber of Commerce, Lenoir Building and Loan Association, Kiwanis Club, Masonic Order, Woman's Club, Happy Valley Club, Patterson School, a number of Churches, including the Chapel of Rest. A number of personal letters have also been written. We would appreciate it if every person who is interested in preserving the Patterson School to the Church and to the South would write a personal letter to Senator J. W. Bailey, Senator Robert R. Reynolds, and Congressman R. L. Doughton, Washington, D. C., to that effect. The Episcopal Church is deeply concerned with this matter and should be able to bring considerable weight to bear upon the action of the Committee and of Congress.

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NEWS AFIELD

Bishop Bentley has purchased a plot of land at Fairbanks, for the proposed Bishop Rowe Memorial Building. This is to be a diocesan headquarters, as well as a home for the Bishop. The building and an endowment for maintenance will cost \$50,000. So far \$45,618.85 have been contributed. Construction will begin after the war.

A number of important changes in personnel at Church Missions House during the summer. The Rev. Dr. Alden Drew Kelley, former head of the Division of College Work is now President and Dean of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary; the Rev. Curtis Junker, Field Secretary in the Division of Youth, is a U. S. Navy Chaplain; and the Rev. Dr. G. Warfield Hobbs, formerly in charge of radio and visual service, has retired. Announcement of successors has not been made by the National Council as yet.

OBJECTORS WILL GET CHURCH AID

The National Council has unanimously authorized an appeal to the members of the Church for contributions to a fund of \$20,000 to help Conscientious Objectors who are Episcopalians. The Presiding Bishop is commending this appeal in a letter he is sending to each clergyman enclosing a folder outlining the need and urging its presentation to every communicant.

As things stand at present the Society of Friends is underwriting the expenses of those who cannot pay their own way and whose own Church does not assist them. It seems simply justice that the Episcopal Church should meet the obligations of these men and not depend upon others to do so.

Ask your rector what plans are afoot in your parish.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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tinued after its first session. In spite of the lack of children, attendance at the Sunday services has been fairly good. About eighteen persons were present at the celebration of Holy Communion St. Bartholomew's Day, at which time there were special intercessions for those in the armed services.


We are financially solvent at the present in spite of having paid our assessment in full and kept up to date our payments for the Church's program. Contributions from Grace Church to St. Mary's School

amounted to \$2,345.50, representing 53 pledges.

We are expecting an enrollment in our Church School of about 75 persons when we resume sessions this fall, and in September will also come the resumption of activities of the Woman's Auxiliary, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Men's Club, Boy and Girl Scouts, and Young Peoples' Service League.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER: The Y. P. F. of the Redeemer, Craggy Road, held a carnival on Friday, September 1, for the benefit of the fund being raised for the parish living quarters. About fifty were present and were entertained with such things as a "Hymn Sing", bingo, wishing well, museum, movies, and cake walk. They realized \$35.00 for the fund.

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A GOOD EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

A really good every member canvass leaves a large parish or the smallest mission richer in its spiritual life. This cannot be done without hard work. It takes into account the tried methods advocated by experts at "281", our National Church Missions House. It adapts somewhat to local conditions, but is always suspicious of such remarks as, "We are too small to do it that way", "Everybody knows everybody else in this congregation", "The treasurer can approach people best in this parish", or "I always leave money matters entirely to the Vestry." I know this to be true; I have tried real canvass methods in "unusual" and very small missions, and *know* they work—if you choose to work them. I have not always chosen to work them, and the Church has suffered by such neglect.

There is a definite technique worth following, for the sake of the Kingdom of God. First a tentative budget should be adopted by the mission or parish which is at once possible of attainment and a step forward. In this the spirit of unselfishness should be exemplified by placing in this budget a somewhat staggering amount for missions, regardless of how insultingly low the apportionment the Diocese has fixed. Real Christians like real Christianity, and we are often surprised to see how fine some people are when appealed to in a challenging way.

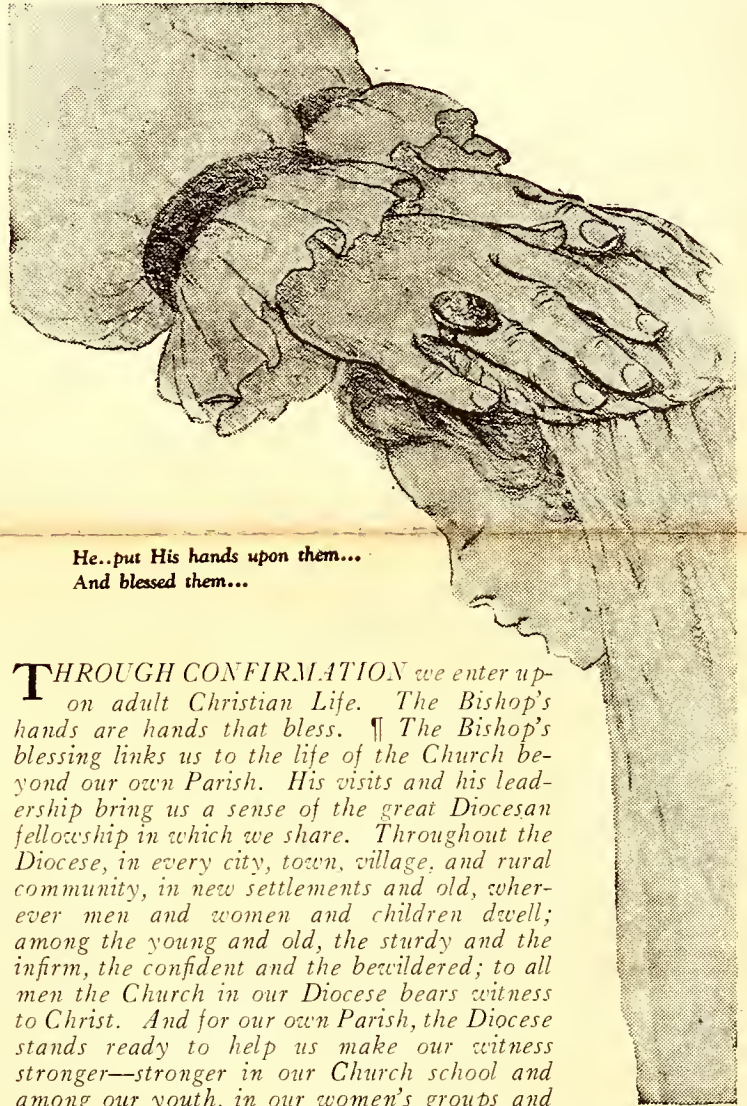
The next step is ceaseless education as to what the items of this parish budget mean to the life of that local congregation, and to the whole Church. By no means should such sacred items as light, coal (how often a cold church has kept people from real worship that day!), and water (we are baptized in it, you know!) be omitted in your discussion of this budget. Everybody ought to know just what their minister gets for his work, realizing at the same time car expenses for his work usually come out of that salary. Letters, talks, leaflets, bulletins, sermons are some of the means of this education of the parish.

There next should come inspiration whereby this lowly budget is seen as acceptance of stewardship through the whole of our daily lives, loyalty to God and His command to preach the Gospel to others.

The canvassers themselves should be especially trained, both as to how to "sell" a person on God and His Church, and the spiritual importance and dignity of his and "her" (N.B.) work. Follow-up of those not seen should be stressed. Prayer for the whole parish by name, preferably in the Church by Rector for the canvassers and the several canvassers for those they will see, and for God's guidance, is a final important step.

In spite of acknowledged good results from a mass canvass at a parish dinner, I feel personal visitation on the part of canvassers is the best way. After several years people grow a bit suspicious of such dinners. Canvassers themselves grow fat and lazy, and obviously lose the opportunity to work for the Church, which is good for them and good for their own pledge as well.

There are no safe short cuts to a good Every-Member-Can-



He...put His hands upon them...
And blessed them...

THROUGH CONFIRMATION we enter upon adult Christian Life. The Bishop's hands are hands that bless. ¶ The Bishop's blessing links us to the life of the Church beyond our own Parish. His visits and his leadership bring us a sense of the great Diocesan fellowship in which we share. Throughout the Diocese, in every city, town, village, and rural community, in new settlements and old, wherever men and women and children dwell; among the young and old, the sturdy and the infirm, the confident and the bewildered; to all men the Church in our Diocese bears witness to Christ. And for our own Parish, the Diocese stands ready to help us make our witness stronger—stronger in our Church school and among our youth, in our women's groups and men's organizations, stronger in our concern for our neighbors of other races and cultures, and our own parish family in time of calm and of crisis. ¶ Our Diocese, under the guidance of the Bishop knits us to a great fellowship—old but ever young—a fellowship that makes our world a better place in which to live; a place where God can reign, and where Christ's disciples can work joyously for and with Him.
You want a part in it!

vass, just as there are no short cuts to the Kingdom of God. Why? Because the practice of Christian stewardship is an integral part of the Kingdom of God.

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Valle Crucis

We are glad to be able to report that the Executive Council has given the go signal to the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan in regard to a training-school for Church workers to be conducted upon the Valle Crucis property. True, the Council has not committed itself beyond one season, but it is fine to know that a vision of usefulness which a hard-working priest has seen has possibility of realization.

Briefly what lies back of the matter is the fact that our own mountain work can not be done except by someone trained thereto. Clergy who come to the mountains need to learn the ropes. The same is true of women workers. In fact, the diocese has not yet completely recovered from the sincere yet tragically harmful efforts of certain "furriners" who came here to "uplift the mountaineers". Mr. Morgan not only is of the mountains himself but he has a keen appreciation of the type of men and women whom the field needs. Doubtless some who attend the school will be young people from our own ranks. We commend the venture to the prayers of the faithful.

Forward or Backward

At a recent gathering under the auspices of the Department of Promotion, a perennial question arose: namely the fact that our diocesan work stands still owing to the fact that there is little increase in income from year to year. Or, to put it another way, are we going forward or backward? There isn't anything very romantic or stimulating in giving the money to supplement the local salaries at the same places year after year, but a deep satisfaction comes from knowing that we can undertake something new and

constructive. Here are two things that we can do, if we had a slightly larger income: relieve the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of part of the enormous territory that he now covers by putting another priest in the field, and place a priest at Boone where there are great opportunities for the Church to work with the students at the Normal School. Think this over, Mr. Vestryman, before saying that your parish can not pay its apportionment.

A Rose by Any Other Name

In political circles to-day anyone who stirs up religious intolerance through the

printed or spoken word is roundly denounced and put in the category of the peoples with which the democratic world is in conflict.

Sometimes we feel that what is wrong in civil life is irreproachable if carried on under religious auspices. The politician should not attack the religion of nations, groups or individuals, but it is all right for Christians, as Christians, to do so. We fail to see the logic of such reasoning. It doesn't hurt any less to read an attack upon our cherished convictions in print because the diatribe was written by a Christian, nor is a brickbat any softer when thrown by our brother.

DIOCESAN NEWS

● The Diocesan Executive Council met October 3rd in Grace Church, Morganton, and voted unanimous approval of the Rev. Rufus Morgan's plan to have a training school for Rural Workers at Valle Crucis next Summer. Mr. Morgan was asked to make a further report to the next meeting of the Executive Council which will meet in January.

● APPALACHIAN SCHOOL, PENLAND. Your primary boarding school of the diocese opened its academic session September 18th after a healthy and busy Summer during which time a number of necessary repairs and improvements were made to maintain the fabric of the buildings.

The enrollment is limited to thirty, as for the past two years, due to our small staff. We are looking forward to the day when we will be able to secure additional competent workers, and in that way be able to take care of the large number of applicants for admission. We have had to refuse as many as we admitted. The student body come from points as distant as Philadelphia and Miami, Fla. Many of their parents are in the armed forces and engaged in war industries.

It is our endeavor to give the children a home-like routine of school and home unbroken by the disruptions that have disturbed them previously. However, their games reflect the times and the play-camps are strong fortifications instead of pioneer outposts of former days, while the girls are nursing dolls wounded in raids rather than tending house. Fortunately, they are removed enough for it to be merely a game.

Miss Virginia Bouldin, United Thank Offering worker, is retiring after 21 years of service at Valle Crucis and two years at Penland. She is an ardent missionary, precise teacher, and has a high sense of justice and keen sense of humor. Unobtrusive in her manner, she was a rock of strength to all who had the privilege of coming in contact with her. Knowing her, retirement will simply mean another sphere of influence and spiritual activity. In turn we welcome Miss Adelaide Smith of Asheville, new to our staff but an old friend of the school.

We look forward to another good year with gratitude to our friends, and we bespeak your continued interest and prayers that we may succeed in this.

● CHRIST SCHOOL, ARDEN. Christ School opened for its forty-fourth year on September 17th—ten days later than usual because of the polio epidemic—with a capacity enrollment of 130 boys and a staff of ten instructors headed by Mr. David P. Harris, headmaster. The boys, while all-in-all a younger group than in pre-war days, nevertheless constitute as fine a student body as the school has had.

Bishop Gribbin was in the sanctuary of the school Chapel at the first High Mass of the new academic year, to give his blessing to this vital diocesan institution. The abiding character of Christ School and its importance to our diocese can be hinted at when we remember that two of its former students—the Rev. Boston Lackey and the Rev. Samuel Stroup—both of whom are priests of the diocese, each had sons ordained to the Sacred Ministry this year.

More and more people are realizing that Christ School offers a unique form of education, as is evidenced by the fact that the enrollment was practically full before the close of the school term last June.

ST. MARY'S, MICADALE. A small class was presented for confirmation on July 30th at St. Mary's Chapel at Mica-dale. The Rt. Rev. Arthur C. Thomson conducted the impressive ceremony and then preached a simple and inspiring ser-

mon to a most appreciative audience of mountain folk. This was the first class presented at St. Mary's in many years and the response was most gratifying.

Bishop Thomson has had services at
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The Woman's Auxiliary

The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council Diocese Western North Carolina met in Trinity Parish House, Asheville, on September 21st, with Hrs. A. B. Stoney, President, presiding.

It was voted to hold the 1945 Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary at Kanuga on dates arranged by the Kanuga Association, probably June 7th and 8th.

Fall District Meetings are to be held as follows:

District No. 1: November 9th, at All Souls.

District No. 2: November 10th, at Upward.

District No. 3: November 8th, at Marion.

District No. 4: November 3rd, at Lincolnton.

District No. 5: Each District Director is to write the negro branches in her District asking them to attend her district Meeting. The offerings from these meetings will go for plumbing at Glendale Springs.

The Advance Work offering to be taken on November 1st will go to help build a combination Parish and Community House at Franklin.

The Provincial Meeting at Nashville, Tenn., on October 17th, 18th and 19th was announced and the president urges members to volunteer to attend this meeting.

After adjournment the Board was served a delightful luncheon by the members of Trinity Parish.

Diocesan Speakers Bureau

At the call of the Department of Promotion (whose job it is to promote the general welfare of the Diocese, especially at such critical times as the fall Every Member Canvass), ten clergy, two laymen, and two laywomen met with Bishop Gribbin in All Souls, Biltmore, September 27th to learn what to say.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan led a discussion of the Diocesan Program of the Church. He suggested the necessity of keeping the missionary program of the Church before the people through constant prayer for missions. He stated we are giving really a pitifully small sum for our needy Diocesan missions. He urged a more general knowledge of what our partial support of many of our clergy was doing, and a definite effort on the part of all aided parishes and missions to reduce what the Diocese is thus paying by gradual absorption of such salaries so far as they are able.

Bishop Gribbin then led in a discussion of the mission work of the General Church, stating that the Fatherhood of

God made it necessary for every Christian to believe in missions. Money will come if we get the right attitude. He cited also Canon No. 44, Section II, Article 8 of the General Canons where it is stated that it is the duty of the priest to instruct his people concerning the missionary work of the Church. He went on to say that perhaps a majority of pledges were made by individuals who left it up to the discretion of the Vestry and canvassers how much of their own pledge ought to go to the local church and how much for missions, and urged that there be a clear understanding what percentage of such pledges should remain in the parish and how much should be applied on the "red side" of the duplex envelope, towards the apportionment of that congregation.

Bishop Gribbin said that of every dollar given to the General Church, over 76 cents goes for missions, 8 cents for education and promotion, a penny for miscellaneous expense, a penny for co-operating agencies, and about 12 cents for administration. Of the 76 cents for missions, 34 cents remains for domestic missionary work within Continental United States, 12 cents goes for missionary work in overseas possessions of the United States, and 29 cents for work in so-called foreign fields, such as China, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, and Liberia.

He urged that the matter of stewardship be presented more fully to all members of the Church and that children be taught to pledge to the parish so that the habit of giving to it will be firmly rooted within them from the start. He added that we think nothing of tipping a waiter ten per cent, but few of us are willing to give back to God as much as ten per cent of what He has given to us.

Mr. Samuel J. Fisher rose during the discussion of these matters, and stated that the clergy have done too much without intelligent business men on their vestries being taken into account. He requested that all the vestries of the Diocese have the important matter of our Diocesan and General Church missions presented to them. In compliance with this request the Chairman of the Department of Promotion said he would write all clergy and also a member of each vestry asking for a speaking engagement for one of the members of the Diocesan Speakers' Bureau. Mr. C. P. Cash then pointed out that canvassers usually should suggest definite amounts in securing pledges.

The Rev. Mr. Leavell asked that all speakers urge a re-appraisal of the apportionment or "quota" of such parishes and missions as they may visit as well as of their own local congregation. He said the apportionment was minimum giving. He pointed out that with 4545 communicants in this Diocese a budget of \$11,000 means that, other things being equal, each communicant's fair share of this is \$2.43. A mission of ten communicants ought thus to give \$24.30, a parish

STROUP TO BE PRIESTED

The Rev. Dudley Johnson Stroup will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at 11 A. M. on the 20th Sunday after Trinity, October 22nd, 1944, at Calvary Church, Fletcher. Bishop Gribbin will be the Ordinant, and the Very Rev. Howard S. Kennedy, Dean of The Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, New York, will preach the sermon. The Rev. Samuel B. Stroup, father of the Ordinand, Rector of Ascension Church, Hickory, N. C., will present Mr. Stroup to the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Stroup has been, since June 1st, Deacon-in-charge of the Church of The Redeemer, Craggy Rd., Asheville, N. C., and St. Luke's Church, Chunn's Cove. He was ordained to the Diaconate on April 16, 1944, at Hickory, N. C.

Mr. Stroup will celebrate his first Holy Eucharist at the Church of The Redeemer on October 23rd at 9:30 A. M.

LAMAR ENTERS NAVY

The Rev. Tracy H. Lamar, Jr., formerly priest in charge of the Church of the Redeemer, Shelby, has entered the Navy as a Chaplain, and is now in training at the Navy Chaplain's School at Williamsburg, Virginia.

The Rev. Mr. Lamar is a graduate of the University of Florida and of the Theological School at Sewanee. He was ordained Deacon May 31, 1942, and to the priesthood on St. Thomas' Day of the same year. For the past two years he was Director of the Kanuga Camp for Boys, as well as Executive Secretary of Youth Work for the Diocese. In Shelby, where he has been stationed since his ordination, he has also been active in Boy Scout work.

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Canton, Waynesville, Micadale and Balsam.

GOOD SHEPHERD, CASHIERS. The 60th anniversary of the dedication of the Church of the Good Shepherd was observed August 11th. Holy Communion was celebrated at 10 A. M., and at 5 P. M. Evening Prayer, with a special sermon and historical review was held. The Rev. Messrs. Morgan, William Baker, and M. B. Sackett took part in a procession through the church. A large congregation filled the church to capacity; many old residents who received a large part of their education in the school conducted by the church in early days were present. A message of congratulations was received from Bishop Gribbin and read to the congregation.

with a hundred communicants \$243.00. Those favored parishes meeting this in their giving, of course, should not be content with past achievements, but be anxious to press forward still further, in humble obedience to the Master's "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel unto every creature."

THE CHALLENGE OF NOW!

By which is meant these next three months. Post-war planning can wait a little while longer, for winning the Peace after the war shall have been won will require much study and patience until a final pattern for a permanent peace is perfected.

The task confronting us in this Diocese is to obtain sufficient funds before January 1, 1945 to pay our pledge to the National Council in New York and to meet our obligations in our own Diocese. Below will be found an interesting tabulation of figures showing our "Statement of Condition" as of October first—the statement is good—but could be better and from several sources showing very small receipts and from others (now conspicuous by absence of any receipts) we hope sincerely for some payments during October or as soon as this article is perused and the state of your own Parish in the list below is figured and checked.

Each Parish or Mission is a part of the Diocese and based upon the pledge made by you last November we rely confidently upon the payment of same to enable us to carry on. Remember that "faith without works is dead" according to St. James and also that with enthusiasm, understanding or inspiration and cooperation under the leadership of Bishop Gribbin great things can be achieved for the Kingdom of God in this Diocese.

The Challenge is for NOW!

William M. Redwood, Treasurer.

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| On Assessment | | PARISHES | On Apportionment | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Made | Paid | | Made | Paid |
| \$ 540.00 | \$ 405.00 | Asheville, Trinity | \$1,484.14 | \$1,338.29 |
| 144.00 | 96.00 | Asheville, St. Mary's | 307.44 | 384.02 |
| 48.00 | 48.00 | Asheville, St. Matthias | 133.20 | 50.75 |
| 540.00 | 360.00 | Biltmore, All Souls' | 900.00 | 753.97 |
| 72.00 | 54.00 | Brevard, St. Philip's | 110.00 | 118.85 |
| 72.00 | 72.00 | Flat Rock, St. John's | 144.00 | 144.00 |
| 120.00 | 90.00 | Fletcher, Calvary | 402.60 | 393.92 |
| 180.00 | 135.00 | Gastonia, St. Mark's | 725.00 | 634.14 |
| 144.00 | 36.00 | Hendersonville, St. James' | 640.50 | 465.65 |
| 120.00 | 120.00 | Hickory, Ascension | 222.00 | 150.02 |
| 144.00 | 108.00 | Lenoir, St. James' | 429.00 | 438.23 |
| 48.00 | 24.00 | Lincolnton, St. Luke's | 215.00 | 208.64 |
| 60.00 | 60.00 | Marion, St. John's | 146.52 | 63.25 |
| | | | \$3,670.00 | \$2,902.00 |

| On Assessment | | PARISHES | On Apportionment | |
|---------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Made | Paid | | Made | Paid |
| 270.00 | 270.00 | Morgantown, Grace | 1,200.00 | 1,265.40 |
| 240.00 | 240.00 | Rutherfordton, St. Francis' | 624.64 | 445.00 |
| 270.00 | 270.00 | Tryon, Holy Cross | 900.00 | 910.00 |
| 72.00 | 72.00 | Waynesville, Grace | 134.20 | 134.20 |
| 24.00 | 18.00 | Wilkesboro, St. Paul's | 109.80 | 82.35 |
| | | | | |
| | | ORGANIZED MISSIONS | | |
| 30.00 | 30.00 | Arden, Christ Church | 70.00 | 65.00 |
| 12.00 | 9.00 | Asheville, The Redeemer | 37.82 | 28.50 |
| 12.00 | 12.00 | Asheville, St. Luke's | 22.57 | 23.00 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Asheville, Trinity Chapel | 45.14 | 10.00 |
| 10.00 | 5.00 | Beaver Creek, St. Mary's | 17.76 | 8.88 |
| 12.00 | 10.00 | Bessemer City, St. Andrew's | 15.25 | 15.00 |
| 30.00 | 15.00 | Black Mountain, St. James' | 152.50 | 76.25 |
| 30.00 | 30.00 | Blowing Rock, Stringfellow M. | 57.72 | 50.00 |
| 18.00 | ----- | Canton, St. Andrew's | 94.35 | ----- |
| 6.00 | ----- | Cullowhee, St. David's | 7.93 | 5.81 |
| 10.00 | ----- | Edneyville, St. Paul's | 22.57 | 6.50 |
| 12.00 | 12.00 | Franklin, St. Agnes' | 91.50 | 107.13 |
| 12.00 | 5.00 | Franklin, St. Cyprian's | 15.00 | 16.25 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Glen Alpine, St. Paul's | 17.76 | 9.10 |
| 10.00 | ----- | Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity | 16.25 | 2.52 |
| 10.00 | ----- | High Shoals, St. John's | 19.52 | ----- |
| 30.00 | 30.00 | Highlands, Incarnation | 152.50 | 152.50 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Hot Springs, St. John's | 10.00 | 12.00 |
| 20.00 | 15.00 | Legerwood, Chapel of Rest | 76.86 | 79.90 |
| 10.00 | ----- | Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's | 16.65 | ----- |
| 10.00 | ----- | Lincoln, Woodside, Our Saviour | 17.21 | ----- |
| 20.00 | 20.00 | Little Switzerland, Resurrection | 5.00 | 22.58 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Morgantown, St. Stephen's | 16.65 | 10.00 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Murphy, Messiah | 18.30 | 30.70 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Rutherfordton, St. Gabriel's | 18.30 | 25.34 |
| 10.00 | ----- | Saluda, Transfiguration | 81.74 | ----- |
| 10.00 | ----- | Shelby, The Redeemer | 26.84 | 39.08 |
| 10.00 | ----- | Sylva, St. John's | 7.32 | ----- |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Todd, St. Matthew's | 7.93 | 3.50 |
| 60.00 | 60.00 | Valle Crucis, Holy Cross | 231.80 | 218.81 |
| 15.00 | 15.00 | Morgantown, St. Mary's | 18.30 | 39.53 |
| | | | | |
| | | UNORGANIZED MISSIONS | | |
| 12.00 | ----- | Asheville, Grace | 24.00 | 32.45 |
| 10.00 | 10.00 | Balsam, Holy Communion | ----- | ----- |
| 5.00 | 5.00 | Bat Cave, Transfiguration | 76.86 | 76.86 |
| 5.00 | ----- | Blackstone, Mission | ----- | 6.00 |
| 8.00 | 6.00 | Boone, St. Luke's | 18.30 | 24.12 |
| 8.00 | ----- | Cashiers, Good Shepherd | 10.00 | ----- |
| 12.00 | 12.00 | Edneyville, St. Peter's | 9.44 | 3.42 |
| ----- | ----- | Lincolnton, St. Paul's | 8.88 | ----- |
| ----- | ----- | Linville, All Saints | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| ----- | ----- | Micadale, St. Mary's | ----- | ----- |
| ----- | ----- | Morgantown, St. Elizabeth's | ----- | ----- |
| ----- | ----- | Penland, Good Shepherd | 30.50 | 30.50 |
| ----- | ----- | Rutherfordton, Missions | 7.93 | 3.42 |
| ----- | ----- | Upward, St. John Baptist | 65.00 | 44.00 |
| ----- | ----- | Valle Crucis, St. John Baptist | ----- | ----- |
| ----- | ----- | Cherokee, Mission | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| ----- | ----- | Tryon, Good Shepherd | 12.81 | 16.50 |
| ----- | ----- | Fontana Dam | ----- | 10.00 |
| | | GRAND TOTAL | \$10,594.20 | \$9,328.86 |

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MOBILIZING THE MEN

The Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work Offers A New Challenge; Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., is Chairman

Mr. Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., Chairman of the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work, said: "I do not know of any time when the Church was so vital to laymen, and in turn needed the support of laymen more. These days in which we are living impose greater burdens and greater opportunities upon every Churchman. Now, as never before, we see the Church undergoing trial by fire. Everywhere the Church is under attack by force, or the more subtle attack of those who would destroy it by other means. These are some of the grave issues that laymen must help the Church to meet and overcome if our civilization is to endure."

A Threefold Program Advent Corporate Communion

1. To increase the effectiveness of the Advent Corporate Communion which the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been sponsoring for more than a quarter of a century; Sunday, December 3, is the date this year. While this great service should be an annual climactic expression of faith, it is even more necessary that a steady ongoing faith be instilled in the hearts and minds of men which will give a Christian dynamic to the whole of life.

2. The Committee made a survey of existing men's work. In several conferences the Brotherhood of St. Andrew reviewed its history and field experience. Bishops described what was being done in their dioceses and what they felt should be done.

3. The Committee felt that whatever ideas it had should be worked out on an experimental basis under laboratory conditions. The Diocese of New Jersey graciously offered to cooperate in these experiments.

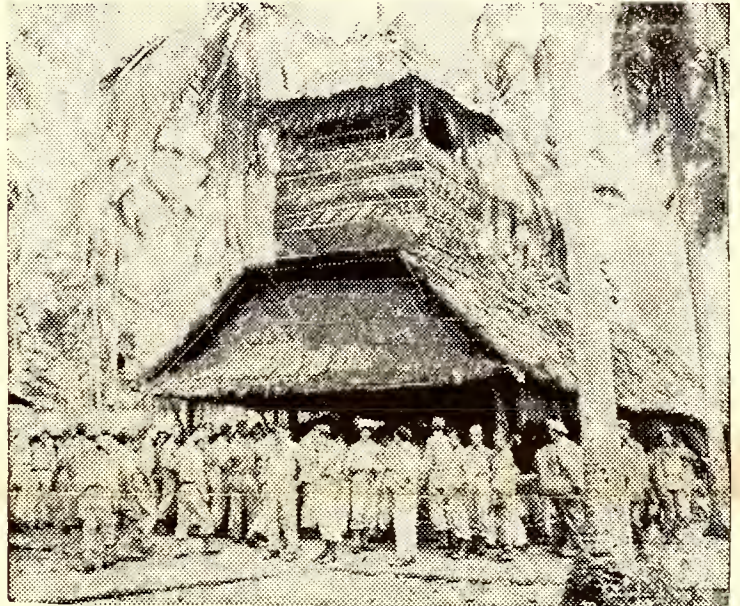
From its experience, the Committee believes that certain observations can now be made. More men than it is generally supposed are doing hard thinking and honest searching in the field of religion. Men want to know God and God's will. The usual men's club of the "ashes and dishes" variety is ineffective. The are but subtle and poor substitutions for a congregation of worshipping men. The Committee believes that regardless of the form, the force of men's organizations—whether diocesan, regional, or parochial—is dependent upon three factors: worship, education, and service.

Worship—Education—Service

A Christian world is a worshipping world. Until men honestly kneel together and acknowledge that they are knit together in one fellowship, members one of another in the mystical Body of Christ, the Church, there can be little hope for a brave, new, and peaceful world.

Possibly the most fundamental task facing the Church is that of education. The Church greatly needs lay readers, men Church school teachers, and leaders of young people. The Committee believes that this leadership will come from small, well-trained groups.

Intelligent worship is judged by its fruits. Worship of God



Men in the South Seas make their chapels the outstanding feature of their posts. This one, built by an Army unit, was sent by a Chaplain to the Army and Navy Commission of the Episcopal Church. It was designed by the engineers section and built by soldiers and natives.

implies doing God's will. If a Christian world is to emerge from the ashes of this present holocaust, Christian men must cut across differences in communions and work together in the name of the common Father.

Mobilizing The Men In The Parish

With these three guideposts of worship, education, and service in mind, the following steps are suggested for mobilizing the men in the parish. 1. *Begin with the individual.* Techniques and plans do not solve the problem of bringing men together to worship God and to do His will. Evangelism, brother going out to get his brother, is the basic principle. The rector should personally invite one man to meet with him to develop a deeper spiritual life. Then these two should invite a third and a fourth and so on to join with them. The group should not number more than ten to fifteen. 2. *Deepen the spiritual lives of the group.* These men should seek to discover what it means in practice to be a living part of the Body of Christ. Thus they pray together and learn together. They will bring candidates for confirmation to the rector. These are the men who as lay readers will extend the Kingdom into nearby unchurched communities, will conduct cottage-club meetings, will lead young people, and will support an active Church school program. They will take the leadership in the parish program for the returning servicemen and will promote parish schools

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A Goal

As we see the diocesan picture, most of our congregations have bravely overcome the losses which war entails and are more than holding their own. Yet many of them have old financial problems long unsolved which stand in the way of forward steps. So often a small deficit in the budget means delay in meeting rightful obligations all through the year. The word Victory is very much in the air at present. Why not see to it that this fall's canvass makes a determined effort to get rid of the obstacle, whatever it is, that holds the parish back. One fruitful source of friction is a rector's salary that is too big for the budget. It can not possibly be paid promptly without letting some one else wait longer than is right. Then the rector's salary gets behind and when he remonstrates Mrs. Tyatt Wadde in the congregation charitably remarks that "All the rector is interested in is money." The salary is probably pitifully small. Yet it is out of proportion to the amount pledged so far. How a little generosity would cure such a situation. And a merry-hearted group of canvassers can remedy this if they are thoroughly aware of all the facts. If the wheels of each parish and mission could be greased just a little this fall, what it would mean in terms of parochial happiness.

Ecc. Quam Bonum

Such is the Latin title in the Book of Common Prayer to one of our psalms. The putting into practice of what this psalm enjoins is a sure pathway to happiness.

The man from Mars came to Western

North Carolina recently and snooped around in our diocese. He said that one thing impressed him—the warm friendships that seemed to exist among the clergy. The diocesan clergy have always been a poliglot crew, coming from all portions of the country, and yet, because our distances are not too magnificent, have quickly come together in brotherhood. Our friendships seem deeper and closer to-day than ever before. This af-

fects the reactions of the laity, the human element among whom would much prefer to hear an address during Lent from the rector's friend Bill in a neighboring parish than from a celebrity from further away. And it is these human laymen and women who are the back-bone of the church. Clergy and laity alike who take themselves seriously don't count for much these days. May our friendly diocesan atmosphere continue to grow and develop.

DIOCESAN NEWS

A NEW CHURCH FOR HENDERSONVILLE

Building Fund Goes Over the Top

Special services were held in St. James Church, Hendersonville, on September 19, in celebration of the successful conclusion of a campaign launched in early summer to raise \$50,000 for building a new church.

The date chosen for the meeting was Founder's Day, and work of securing the building fund was carried on under conditions strangely similar to those which had confronted the founding fathers in building the present structure eighty years ago, the war effort engaging so greatly the thought and effort of every one and with so many from the parish and community away in service of the country.

At the time St. James parish was organized, early after the beginning of the Civil War, and plans begun for the first building, which is still in use, much of the raising of funds was carried on by faithful women whose husbands, Capt. William Shipp, Col. John D. Hyman and Capt. J. W. Lane, with seven of his sons, were away with the armed forces. The building was consecrated on September 19, 1863, during the hours when the battle of Chickamauga was being fought.

Robert H. Lee, Treasurer of the Building Fund, announced that the goal of \$50,000 had been exceeded by a small amount, and as soon as conditions would permit, plans would be made for completing the structure which was started several years ago.

An excerpt from the report made to the Convention of 1863 by Bishop Atkinson, who consecrated the first church building, was read as being peculiarly fitting for celebration of the 80th anniversary:

"We have just reason to thank God that we were permitted to meet together again to consult for the interest of our branch of His Church, with many of the sad forebodings of the past year unfulfilled, and with a much more cheerful prospect for the future than it seemed reasonable at that time to entertain. Dur-

ing the interval, we have suffered much and have lost many precious lives. The blessing which for two dark years we have been praying for, that is a speedy, a just and honorable, a lasting peace, seems, in the mercy of God, more likely to be vouchsafed us."

THE NORTHEASTERN MISSIONS

A Large Field Only Partly Worked

We all respond best to a need when we see that need clearly. To see the need and the opportunity in the upper corner of our Diocese, let's make a hasty trip to each mission station:

As we prepare to leave from Valle Crucis we look out over a valley that hardly seems well-populated enough to warrant having a beautiful Church as large as Holy Cross. But if we had the time (and a jeep), we could visit back in steep mountain sides and hollows and find the 180 souls to whom this mission ministers. Founded in 1842, this mission is the largest and strongest in the Diocese; its contribution to the surrounding community cannot be measured, nor can the importance of such a large rural mission be underestimated.

Driving ten miles, we coast down a long hill into the town of Boone. From the top of the hill we have seen the town spread out before us. We have caught a glimpse of wide, well-tended streets, a thriving shopping center, many churches, and the campus of Appalachian State Teachers' College. This county seat of Watauga County is truly one of the strategic places for the Church in this area; a resident priest here would be in constant touch with the life of the whole county and would minister to the students at the college. This last is most important, for the influence of the Church, brought to bear on those who will one day be teachers, can reach out into those communities to which the students will go as teachers and leaders in many small communities. St. Luke's Church, only four years old, stands at the edge of the

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The Church and Reconstruction

Resolution Passed at Synod, Western North Carolina Well Represented

The relation of the Church to plans for reconstruction was much in the minds of delegates to the 20th Synod of the Province of Sewanee, meeting in Christ Church, Nashville, Tenn., October 17-19. The sermon by Bishop Abbott of Lexington at the opening service, and the address of Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University, at the banquet, dealt with this general subject. In response to a request made on the floor of the Synod, a special committee, consisting of Bishop Walker of Atlanta, the Rev. Clarence R. Haden of New Orleans, and the Rev. R. Emmet Gribbin, Jr., of Chapel Hill, N. C., drew up the following resolution, which was passed by the Synod after the final paragraph was added on motion of Bishop Dandridge, coadjutor of Tennessee:

"Whereas it is our conviction that man is made in the image of God and is of one blood whatever his race or habitation; and whereas there are many followers of competing philosophies which ignore this basic Christian assumption in social, economic and political realms; and whereas our present state of war and suffering is traceable to these pagan points of view; this Synod makes the following declarations:

"1. The immense power of the victors should not be abused by the establishment of a vengeful peace which would make for the perpetuation of hatred.

"2. A peace entitled to the name Christian must include political, social and economic justice for small nations and for minority groups.

"3. This is a fateful moment in history. Decisions made now will affect, for good or ill, generations to come. Recognizing this urgency, citizens should exercise the greatest care and conscience in voting for public officials, particularly those who will have to do with the Federal Government.

"4. Our short-sighted policies of self-interest in political, social and economic realms stand indicted in the light of our present melancholy experience as well as in the light of historic Christian teaching.

"Through the agony of the world God is calling us and all peoples to individual and corporate repentance and to vital and dynamic faith in Christ as the Lord and Saviour of men in their economic and political as well as in their individual life."

Rufus Morgan, Charles Leavell, Joseph Clair, Isaac Northup were the clerical delegates and Mr. George Wiese of the Patterson School was a lay delegate to the Synod.

YOUNG CHURCHMEN MEET

District 1 and 3 of the Young Churchmen of the Diocese will hold a dinner meeting at the S & W Cafeteria in Asheville at 6:30 p. m. on Friday, December 8. The Rev. Charles Leavell, rector of Grace Church, Morganton, and Chairman of the Youth Commission, and the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, rector of Trinity Church, Asheville, will be the speakers.

The Youth Commission of the Diocese will hold a meeting at 5 p. m. on the same day at the S & W.

Ordination At Fletcher

The Rev. Dudley J. Stroup Advanced to Priesthood

A ritual impressively carried out by the clergy, choir and congregation; the solemn dedication of a life to the ministry, followed by a pontifical celebration of the Holy Eucharist and a sermon by the Very Rev. Howard S. Kennedy, dean of the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, N. Y., were features of the ordination service held the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, October 22, at Calvary Episcopal Church, Fletcher, in which the Rev. Dudley J. Stroup was advanced from the diaconate to the sacred priesthood of the Episcopal Church.

Request From Father

Following the sermon the candidate for ordination was presented to the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, bishop of the diocese of Western North Carolina. The Rev. Samuel B. Stroup, father of the ordinand, requested that his son be admitted to the sacred order of priesthood.

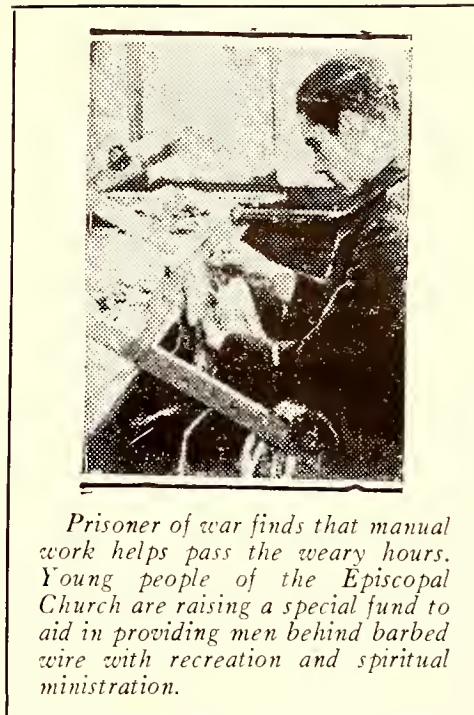
The Rev. Arthur W. Taylor acted as the Epistler, reading Ephesians 4:7-13, following which the Rev. Arthur S. Acock read the Gospel from St. John 10:1.

Following the prayer to the Holy Ghost, the bishop placed his hands upon the head of the kneeling ordinand, solemnly pronouncing the words which sealed the candidate with the character of the priesthood. The other clergy present, including the Rector of Calvary Church, the Rev. Mark Jenkins, the Rev. James B. Sill, and the Rev. Howard Rhys, joined the Bishop in the laying on of hands.

Father Stroup is priest-in-charge of the Church of the Redeemer, Craggy Road, and St. Luke's Church, Chunn's Cove.

NO NEED TO WATCH THE CLOCK

Irene, Africa—Church of England Sisters wrote recently of Davia, a Zulu who has worked at the convent for 24 years. They say he is an amusing character and has beautiful manners, but will not work more than he must. When trenching a flower bed he was seen with his coat hung on a pergola, his shoes under the coat, and an alarm clock beside the shoes, to make sure he did not work too long.



Prisoner of war finds that manual work helps pass the weary hours. Young people of the Episcopal Church are raising a special fund to aid in providing men behind barbed wire with recreation and spiritual ministrations.

Post-War Planning

In the very near future National Council will begin a campaign to raise \$3,000,000 for reconstruction and relief "in areas ravaged by war, and for a reconstruction program in the domestic missionary field and in other non-war areas." The Department of Promotion will conduct the campaign, and details will be forthcoming shortly. The campaign was authorized by unanimous vote of the National Council.

Bishops G. Ashton Oldham of Albany and Henry W. Hobson of Southern Ohio are in England, as an Episcopal Church deputation to confer with the Archbishop of York and other Church leaders. Post-war planning, reconstruction, overseas missions, ministry to the armed forces, are some of the topics being discussed.

Motion Picture Radio Program Available

One hundred eighty-five prints of the motion picture, "We, too, Receive", have been ordered by dioceses and districts. The electrical transcription urging people to worship in their churches when the war in Europe ends, has been distributed to 290 radio stations, and orders continue to come in.

The Highland Churchman urges the clergy throughout the diocese to make inquiries at their local radio stations concerning plans for V-Day. Many radio stations have already planned their program or are planning it and they might welcome the assistance of the clergy and many of them will want to use the transcription that is available through our National Church.

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campus. Through the efforts of the congregation and its friends, the Church is almost free of debt. We hope that the end of the year will find the Church ready for consecration and the installation of a resident priest.

As soon as we leave Boone we hit open country again. Ten miles north of Boone we come upon St. Matthew's, Todd. With additional man-power, there is much evangelistic work that can be done here. At present one Church member is holding the Sunday School together, teaching faithfully and gathering a congregation for the monthly visit of the missionary.

A drive of twenty more miles north brings us again to a Church by the side of the road, St. Mary's, Beaver Creek. It was here in 1896 that Bishop Cheshire was forcibly prevented from having a Confirmation in the old Academy Building and had to hold the service in the open air, surrounded by opponents of the Church. It is probably the only one on record in this Diocese that could be called "a shotgun confirmation." Today most of the members of St. Mary's live in West Jefferson three miles away. It would be wise to move the building to town, as we have the utmost difficulty in moving the people to the Church once a month.

Another hop of twelve miles brings us to Glendale Springs, on the crest of the Blue Ridge. Holy Trinity, with its pretty mission house, stands deserted now with the exception of a monthly visit from the missionary. Once we were able to keep a mission worker there, but now we must limp along, depending on the loyalty of the few to keep the work going until more help is secured.

If we had the tires and gasoline, I should take you to Blowing Rock where we have services once a month during the winter. And from there we could jump forty miles to Newland and visit a group of Church people who rarely have an opportunity of worshipping in the manner to which they are accustomed.

This all too brief junket must serve to point out to all of us the opportunity that exists in the northeast. It is the opportunity to strengthen those places already making an important contribution to the life of the Diocese; it is an opportunity to bring a stronger effort to bear on the weak and isolated places. Pray and work with us that we may be able to use this opportunity to forward the task that God has given us.

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of religion. 3. Use this group when it has been welded together and trained, as a nucleus for the creation of an inclusive fellowship for all men of the parish. It may be that they will wish to organize a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, or a branch of the Laymen's League. Handbooks of these two organizations are available on request. It may be that the men will wish to form a men's fellowship with no formal constitution or dues but which will automatically include every male member of the parish.

In any event, do not abandon the activities of the small groups. The personnel of the group may change, but the rector should always have around him a few men who can be the "shock troops" for the parish. If more men wish to come into the group, create a new group under the leadership of an already trained layman. The true advance out of our present discontents is through the creation of an infinite number of small articulate groups of Christian men and women who cut across all institutional barriers of race, nation, class, and denomination and who are dedicating their lives in full honesty and responsibility to the glory of God and to the service of other fellow men.

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GEORGE J. SEARLE
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EPISCOPAL GROUP URGES EXPANSION IN NORTH CAROLINA

(Asheville Times, November 14)


The need for the expansion of the Episcopal Church in North Carolina was the subject of a meeting of vestrymen and their wives, parish leaders and officers of the various women's organizations of All Souls Episcopal Church, held last night following a regular vestry meeting.

The Rev. Isaac Noyes Northup, Rector, presided and the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, and the Rev. Charles Leavell, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Morganton, were speakers.

A motion picture entitled "We, Too, Receive" was shown by John M. Ehle. The picture illustrated how Allied soldiers are benefiting from the work of missionaries in many foreign lands.

Mrs. Charles S. Bryant and Mrs. Walter B. Carpenter poured coffee and cocoa during the social hour after the meeting.

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To the Church in Western North Carolina: Greetings:

Acting upon medical advice I am going to a milder climate for the winter months. From Christmas Eve until Easter I shall again be in charge of Christ Memorial Chapel, Hobe Sound, Florida.

The canons require that if a bishop is to be absent from his diocese more than three months he must obtain the consent of the Standing Committee. In view of the circumstances, the consent was readily given.

I expect to return for a brief visit to attend the Executive Council meeting on January 23. At this meeting of the Executive Council the operating budget for 1945 will be adopted. Each congregation should report promptly the amount it expects to pay on the Quota so that the Diocese can make its plan accordingly and also inform the National Council whether Western North Carolina will bear its share of the Program of the Church. Some congregations have already accepted their quotas; a few have pledged more than the minimum requested.

The General and Diocesan Canons direct each congregation to make an annual report for the year ending December 31st upon the blank form adopted by the General Convention, the report to be made during January ("not later than February 1st"). In the case of a Parish the preparation and delivery of this report is the joint duty of the Rector and Vestry. In other congregations it is the duty of the Minister thereof.

I am required to make to the National Council by March 1st, a report which is based in part on some of these annual reports. It is easily understood, therefore, why the reports of the congregations should be sent at the proper time to the Secretary of the Diocese. Great care should be taken to have the reports as accurate as possible. "Let all things be done decently and in order" applies not only to the services but also to the administration of temporal affairs.

By the time this message is in your hands it will not be too soon for clergy and laity to begin preparation for Lent—one of the periods in the Christian Year during which the Church "requires such a measure of abstinence as is more especially suited to extraordinary acts and exercises of devotion." Let us recall the Plan of Action proposed by Forward in Service. In Epiphany there is to be emphasis on Christian Vocation. The National Council has issued materials on Christianizing Your Vocation. St. Paul admonishes "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" and "whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men (Colossians 4.)" In Lent we are bidden to preach and teach the Christian Doctrine of God. Using this topic during Lent will serve to give definiteness to devotion, and to focus the mind as well as the heart on the great eternal verities.

This observance in turn will enable the Church the better to fulfill her duty to her members, the Nation, and the World by deepening the "fellowship with God which is the indispensable condition of human fellowship."

May God make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight.

—Robert E. Gribbin.

December 12, 1944

Making Christmas a Reality

By THE REV. JOSEPH R. CLAIR
Holy Cross, Tryon

Another Yuletide is here. The beauty and pageantry of Christmas is with us. Congregations and choirs have sung reverently, joyfully, and gratefully, praising Almighty God for giving to the world the Christ Child, our Saviour and our Redeemer. This is our joy, our faith, and our love. The stories in Holy Writ—telling of the Angelic Choir's appearing to Shepherds, announcing to them the birth of the Lord, the visit of the Wise Men to the humble household at Bethlehem, leaving gifts for the little child—are dear to the children of Christ everywhere and few there are who do not wish they could have been with those chosen few who came, who saw, who believed that the little Child was God's gift to mankind. The fact that God *gives* is more distinctly recognized at Christmas than at any other season of the year.

The shepherds heard the proclamation that a Saviour was born. At long last God had fulfilled the promise given by the prophets. The long awaited event had come to pass. The Messiah had arrived. Can't you see the shepherds with eyes aglow and their faces alight talking with great animation, hurrying to see God's gift to man. Yes! "We will receive him; think what this means to us and to Israel. Now we shall be great, great among the nations. 'The Gentiles shall come to us—and kings also.' It is just as prophesied—did not Isaiah say, 'a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel'?"

Yes! God gives—man receives. Man benefits by God's abundant generosity and sacrifice. But does man accept? No man always ac-

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Christmas

There were still enough of us left at home to keep up the Christmas traditions in connection with our parish Churches. And the Churches are intact. Do we begin to appreciate the fact that there is in these United States not one place where people had to gather around a ruin to sing their Christmas carols?

Since our Churches are thus unharmed, there must be on our part a sense of having had them entrusted to our care by a loving Providence in order that they may have a greater usefulness.

There is no limit to the amount of goodness that can radiate from a parish Church at Christmastime, just as there is no limit to the amount of spiritual help that the Christ-Child gives in a devout Christmas communion. To the Churchman in this of all years, Christmas can have no meaning save as a time when we seek to receive power to perform in the world the tasks which the Holy Child gives to each one.

Sometimes a parish Church is recognized in a community as a place from which so much goodness flows out that its worth is priceless. In other words, it has succeeded in making the angelic hymn ring afresh in the hearts of burdened men and women. And this is what THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN wishes for all the diocesan family when it says: "A Joyous Christmastide".

Brains

Rightly or wrongly the Episcopal Church is thought to have a monopoly on brain-power. The man on the street seems to think that unless one has a University diploma at least, he will be puzzled

and mentally befogged in trying to understand what happens should he attend a service.

Of course this isn't true, but it is at least in part complimentary. The side of the shield which we like to emphasize is that the man of intellectual tastes is not repelled by our worship and sermons. This being true, it follows that the Church is always able to exercise an intellectual leadership.

At no time has that leadership been more needed than now. If our people will, with open mind, try to inform themselves about plans for a better world and fearlessly express their convictions, untold good will follow, provided, and it is a vital proviso, that they detach from the question their own private interests. To advocate a course for the world which would make us richer, to the exclusion of all other considerations, is worse than selfishness.

In other words, if our people will be as generous with their brains as they have been during the war with their time and money, there is no limit to the good that will be accomplished. What is finer than

for a thoughtful, well-read Churchman to ask of himself, "To just what does my religion commit me, in terms of One World?"

Happy Winter

THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN bids our Bishop Godspeed as he leaves for Florida for the balance of the winter. In this respect it is fortunate that our diocese is small, for Bishop Gribbin can thus protect his health without hindrance to his work. There are plenty of us to carry on for this short time and do the few things that are necessary during the Bishop's absence.

It is again hard, nevertheless, to give the Bishop up even for this comparatively short period. For the outstanding fact of his episcopate is the fashion in which he has endeared himself to the great rank and file of our people. He is Father in God to us all, and we all are glad to know that he will have a chance to benefit from obeying again his doctor's advice, however much we shall miss him.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CONVOCATION OF ASHEVILLE. The Convocation will meet at St. Mary's, Asheville, on Wednesday, February 7th, opening with the Holy Eucharist at 9:45. The Rev. Peter W. Lambert, Jr., will conduct the pre-Lenten meditations. Topics of general Churchly interest will be presented in the afternoon.

THE PRESIDING BISHOP has set Sunday, January 21, 1945, as National Theological Sunday. As heretofore, all the clergy are urged (1) to preach on Theological Education, and (2) to take an Offering for the Seminary of their choice.

If this particular Sunday this year is not advisable for your Church, an offering for this purpose may be taken on any other Sunday in 1945-46, prior to Sunday, January 27, 1946. All offerings should be sent direct to the Dean of the Seminary to which you wish your offering to be credited. Special Offering Envelopes will be supplied by the Dean of your choice, and upon direct application to him.

The twelve Seminaries of the Church strongly endorse this Annual Offering for Theological Education and bespeak your cooperation and support. The expected influx of returning veterans into our Seminaries demands the unhesitating support of every one of our Seminaries.

THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, WOODSIDE, Lincoln County, was consecrated Sunday, December 10, by Bishop Gribbin. The Rev. Boston Lackey, who was a member of the mission congregation at Woodside, and was trained in its Sunday School, preached the sermon. The service was attended by a capacity congregation. Members and friends of the church came from many outside points, including Charlotte.

The newly formed choir of the church was assisted by the choir and acolytes of St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton. The procession of choir and clergy began in the parish hall on the first floor, and led by John Seagle, grandson of Mrs. John Hoke, one of the oldest members of the Church of Our Saviour, carrying the Processional Cross, entered the church as the Bishop began the Consecration Service. The Rev. Messrs. Lackey and Folmsbee made

the responses. The Rev. Grant Folmsbee, Priest-in-Charge, read the Sentence of Consecration at the Bishop's request, and welcomed the visitors. Greetings were sent from the Rev. Norvil C. Duncan, originally from this mission, and from the Rev. Maxwell Ganter, formerly Priest-in-Charge.

The sermon touched upon the influence of the chapels that had stood in the churchyard since the work was begun in 1881, and especially upon the work of Mr. Lackey. He referred to many whose efforts had nurtured the children in godly faith and living. The fact that the church had once served both white and colored people indicated how the worship of God can bring together those of different races and backgrounds. Mr. Lackey's words were very effective as he urged all present to continue to teach the children of today,

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Youth News

Youth Commission Meets

The National Executive Board met on Thursday, October 5th, 1944, in a joint conference with the National Board of the Girls' Friendly Society on "Women in Industry." The program was planned by the Secretaries at "281", Miss Stabler being largely responsible for the selection of speakers. A report of this Conference and recommendations from it are included in the Provincial Representatives' report to the Provincial Meeting in Nashville and will be printed in the Year Book of the Province.

The regular business meeting of the Board began on Friday afternoon with every member and every Secretary present.

The Fall District Meetings have been held, much interest and enthusiasm having been shown by the attendance and reports at the meetings.

The following is the report of the Third District:

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Third District of the Western North Carolina Diocese was held at St. John's, Marion, on Wednesday, November 8th. In spite of present restrictions on travel, the meeting was well attended and many benefits were derived from it.

The meeting opened with the celebration of the Holy Communion by Bishop Gribbin, assisted by the Rev. A. P. Mack of Marion. Following this service the meeting was formally opened by the Director, Mrs. George F. Wiese.

Reports were made by the Diocesan Officers who were present and letters from those unable to attend were read. All signified that much work has been accomplished in the past year, but that much remains to be done in the coming year. The annual Diocesan Meeting will be at Kanuga Lake, June 7-8, 1945.

After noon-day prayers led by the Rev. Boston M. Lackey of Lenoir, the branches gave very interesting and inspirational reports of their accomplishments.

Mrs. Sam Yancey of Marion was elected Director of the Third District succeeding Mrs. Wiese, whose term has expired.

Mrs. A. B. Stoney, Diocesan President, gave a very vivid account of the Synod Meeting held in Nashville, Tenn. She presented a graphic picture of women's participation in the Church, from individuals, branches, provinces, to the National Council. She explained the purpose of our Provincial dues and stated that the Provincial Gift in 1945 will be divided between Missions and Educational Work. The Mission gift will go to Mr. Fletcher for work among the deaf, and the educational gift will be divided be-

The Diocesan Youth Commission met in Asheville on December 8 to formulate plans for the coming year. It was decided to hold another Diocesan Camp at Patterson School next year, beginning on June 3 and closing on June 9. The Rev. Charles Leavell, of Morganton, was elected Director of the camp, and the Rev. Mark Jenkins, of Fletcher, was elected Vice-Director.

The Commission also decided to publish the youth magazine, "The Skyline", in February and May, 1945. At other times, the youth news of interest will be published in THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN, and the youth of the Diocese are urged to send in their news each month to the Youth Secretary, the Rev. D. J. Stroup, Box 169, Asheville.

The Commission urged that all districts within the Diocese hold meetings in their respective districts during the month of January, if it is possible.

Districts 1 and 3 Meet

District 1 and 3 of the Diocesan Youth met together on December 8 at the S & W in Asheville for a dinner and to hear the Rev. George Floyd Rogers and the Rev. Charles Leavell speak. About sixty young people were present to hear the stimulating talks given by Mr. Leavell and Mr. Rogers. The Bishop was present to greet the young people and introduced the various youth groups represented.

MAKING CHRISTMAS A REALITY

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cepts God's gifts—some seem to decline them always. Did Herod accept the Babe as God's gift to man? Did the Jewish people accept Jesus Christ—God's gift—as their Saviour? Have the people of this twentieth century actually accepted Him? Have you accepted Him?

The Angelic Song gives the clue to God's desires and to man's refusal. What is it? "To men good will!" That's it—God's will. Man does not actually accept God's gifts nor can he receive all the benefits, until he accepts with a consenting mind and approves with his whole being, determined to walk with God by letting God's Will—The "Good Will"—rule. Then man will work with God, then the beauty and the appeal of the Christmas Story will be an abiding reality—for Peace—God's Peace. Then it will come because men will have "Good Will."

tween Youth Work and the Bishop Payne Divinity School.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Bishop Gribbin, after he had given a very interesting talk.

Following the meeting all guests gathered at the home of Mrs. Sam Yancey, where a delicious luncheon was served.



Chinese drummer boy symbolizes the sturdy resistance of his nation to tyranny and aggression. Such boys are being trained in mission schools, in spite of the war. Episcopal leaders say, and on them depends the responsibility of leading China into the company of Christian nations. A high percentage of China's present leadership is already Christian.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ASKED TO MAKE PLEDGES

Among the many resolutions offered and approved by the Synod of the Province of Sewanee in Nashville, Tenn., in October, is one which affects every parish and mission if put into effect by the several bishops. Here is the text of the resolution:

Resolved; that the Field and Publicity Department (now Department of Promotion of the Province of Sewanee) recommends that the Bishops of the Fourth Province urge upon their clergy that preparation for Confirmation include instruction on the Church's Program and the means for the support thereof, and suggest that when possible each candidate for Confirmation have signed a pledge card before being presented to the Bishop.

The resolution was passed without any dissenting votes after a discussion during which it was made clear that no compulsion was anticipated, and that the determination of who should procure the pledge was left to the parish clergyman.

MESSAGE FOR EPIPHANY

The Christian Fellowship In Action

Forward in Service recommends the study this year of the worldwide work of the Church. It is futile to talk about the Church as an international or interracial fellowship unless we expand the statement with the story of Christian Mission.

The emphasis of this year "The Christian Fellowship" presents a splendid opportunity to study the work of the Church in its wider aspects. Because of Christian Missions, a communicant can journey from one end of the earth to another and find fellowship in his Church.

We must not allow our vision to end at

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and to bring them to the sacraments of the Church that wars may cease and peace reign in the hearts of men. His eloquent plea for faith in the reading of God's Holy Word deeply stirred the hearers.

A generous offering for the funds of the church was made, after which during the singing of one of the Consecration hymns, the choir led the way to the cornerstone. There the Bishop proceeded with the Blessing of the cornerstone, as he struck it three times in the name of the Trinity with his crozier.

Following the service, the ladies of the congregation served fine refreshments, as friends renewed their acquaintances with those who had come from a distance.

The Church of Our Saviour has a regular schedule of services each week, Church School and Evening Prayer at 2:15 and a Song Service and Bible Study Wednesday nights. There have been four infants and four young people baptized since the coming of the new Priest-in-Charge recently.

(The history of the mission will be found in THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN for January, 1939.)

FATHER SILL'S ADDRESS is R. F. D. No. 1, Tryon, N. C., and his telephone is Tryon 174-W. He is living in a delightful little log and cement house near the Parmelee's up above Mimosa Inn. He is expecting his sister to spend a large part of the winter with him. Meanwhile, he is surrounded by his books and answering calls to assist wherever in the Diocese his services are desired.

THE CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, MURPHY, has recently built new stone and concrete steps leading up to the church.

THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE have put in the hymnal of 1940 within the last year: St. Mary's, Asheville; St. Luke, Lincolnton; St. Philip's, Brevard, and Redeemer, Shelby.

THE REV. EDGAR R. NEFF will be the National Council Field Officer in the Fourth Province after January 1. Mr. Neff has been rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, Alabama, for the past several years, and chairman of the diocesan Department of Promotion. Under his leadership his parish has made great progress in contributions to the local program and to the whole Church's Program. Mr. Neff spent part of his ministry in the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

After a few months of training in New York City at Church Missions House Mr. Neff will make his headquarters in the Province, probably in Atlanta.

SAINT MARY'S ASHEVILLE. The news-editor has asked us at St. Mary's to inform readers of the Highland Churchman of the main features of our parish life. While we have no thoughts of self-advertisement, perhaps the diocese would be interested in the following:

1. St. Mary's is the only Church of any sort in Grove Park, a section of Asheville not without community consciousness. Our parishioners have won the love of the neighborhood, with the result that many nearby send their children to us. In quiet ways the parish Church strives to serve its community.

2. Largely through the life and work of the first rector, Fr. Hall, St. Mary's has been able to do a large work in the hospitals and sanatoria. The Blessed Sacrament is perpetually on the altar, enabling prompt ministrations at any hour.

3. St. Mary's is a house of prayer. The beauty of the church and grounds attract many who come into the Church to pray. It is recognized throughout Asheville as a shrine to which the weary and heavy-laden can come. Seldom does one enter the Church without finding someone at prayer.

4. Our last note is negative. St. Mary's Churchmanship is not belligerent. Her people care nothing for matters of current controversy. Happy are they, if by maintaining this dear spot, they enable someone else to find comfort and peace.

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the parish boundaries. Too many of us Episcopalians are prone to say we "do not believe in Missions". Yet it must be evident to all thinking people that Christ came into the world for all mankind and not for a special, selected group. We are beginning to appreciate the fact that this is "One World"—we must learn that it can be one world of fellowship only when all men are one in Christ.

The National Council has prepared a study booklet called "The Christian Fellowship in Action"; it is illustrated and contains 128 pages. It sells for 25 cents per copy.

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Home Friendly Club of Polk County

A Story Of Achievement In Christian Friendliness

By MARY E. TAYLOR, Tryon, N. C.

At a Parish dinner here this month a soldier home on leave from overseas was asked to speak, and after he had made a short speech and sat down, he got up again and said he wanted to make a statement as to how much the unfailing devotion of the Home Friendly Club had meant to him and to every Polk County man that he had seen in the army. His sincerity and feeling were so evident that when he sat down again it was in a burst of applause.

~~It is to such appreciation as this, and~~ to the constantly increasing response of our men and women in the services, that the Club owes its success and usefulness.

It is almost three years since a group of "the women of all the churches" first gave to a group of inductees our parting gifts, and put on our card catalog the name of the new soldier, for continuing contact. Our purpose, simply expressed for an early meeting in May, 1942, seems unchanged, though we are now in touch with nearly a thousand men and women, and are a known force in the community instead of something new and somewhat to be questioned. At that early meeting we wrote "For this personal work of telling our boys that we are mindful of our own, we welcome you, your interest, and your help in doing this our common task and common privilege. It is essentially the work of Christ's Church to the Church's children who have gone out from our midst. It is in a small way carrying the Church's love to those who love their home church from which they have gone out into a sterner world."

In detail, we send about nine letters a year to the whole group, the Christmas and Easter letters, on especially suitable paper, being written by hand by people all over the country. We also send them two or three greetings on their birthdays, which are between 60 and 70 a month. At the request of a homesick boy in India, we sent the addresses of everyone we

knew in India; a year ago when the situation in Italy was so distressing, we sent to the 25 men we knew there the addresses of the others; also the same in New Guinea. Of course, we are proud of their call upon us, their feeling that we always can and will be ready.

Also we are humbly grateful for the place we have in the hearts of the families of the boys. As we go out in the county to offer sympathy to the families of those killed in combat or missing, we find a welcome awaiting us, for often the boy has sent back home our letters to him to be kept for him.

Here is our Easter greeting, being made ~~ready now to be mailed to those overseas~~ by the middle of February.

"From all of us back here in Polk County to you wherever you are, an Easter message. Keep up the good work. Win a victory for the world.

So, as in the days when they used to say, "Christ is Risen!" and others replied "Christ is Risen indeed!" so may you be able to say "The War is Won!" and we reply, "The War is Won, indeed" adding two words—BY YOU."

God Bless you!

Your Home Friendly Club.

Paper and labor shortages have shortened our usual message, but this one written on the inside of an Easter folder, will bring to every boy the "boosting of morale" that he talks of, for it tells him once more that his whole home county is behind him. And his letters about it will do a lot to *our* morale—we have eleven albums of these letters and the story of the Home Friendly Club is inside them!

OUR SAVIOUR, WOODSIDE

Each week an informal service is held, with the singing of old-fashioned Gospel songs, and a discussion of applied Christianity, now centering around the Forward In Service material on the Christian Doctrine of God.

Missionary to the Deaf

The Rev. James R. Fortune, Deacon-in-Charge of Ephphatha Church, Durham, Diocese of North Carolina, has been holding regular services for the deaf in the Diocese of Western North Carolina since October, 1944.

The Rev. Mr. Fortune comes to the N. C. School for the Deaf at Morganton the Saturday night preceding his services the third Sunday of each month, and works in pastoral visits. At 11 A. M. the next day he holds a service in the sign language in the Parish House of Grace Church, attended largely by adults from Morganton, Lenoir, and Hickory, sometimes in as great numbers as the service next door in Grace Church. In the afternoon Mr. Fortune holds a service at the School for the Deaf.

Mr. James Fortune's father was also a clergyman. He was deaf himself, so that his son grew up with the sign language as much a part of him as the English (which he hears and speaks perfectly). After several years in business, the challenge to do missionary work to the deaf could not be denied, and he entered Holy Orders. He is to be ordained priest April 12th. Our Diocese appreciates the "loan" of Mr. Fortune by the Diocese of North Carolina for these valuable third Sunday of the month services.

ST. STEPHEN'S, MORGANTON

St. Stephen's is now being served by the Rev. Ven. J. T. Kennedy and the Rev. C. G. Leavell, the former celebrating Holy Communion the second Sundays of the month at 11 A. M., and the latter holding an afternoon service at 4:30 P. M. on the fourth Sundays. Our faithful organist, Miss Annie Avery, has had some success in training a Junior Choir which is of real help to the services when it is present in full strength. Recent attendance in the afternoons has averaged sixteen persons, with prospects good for improvement with the coming of Holy Week and Easter.

The congregation was saddened by the recent sudden death of Mr. Hallman Michaux. At his own request, made many times during his lifetime, he was buried from St. Stephen's.

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Easter

As war-time year succeeds war-time year, our appreciation of the great Christian facts which the Festivals of the Christian year teach is intensified. Any one at all serious-minded now can not regard Easter as a mere time for the adornment of the human body. To-day a broadcaster said "Easter is a time for fixing yourself up outside". We wonder if many people did not shut off their radios, disgusted that anyone could be so shallow. We want and crave an Easter message that goes far deeper than that.

For we live in a world where much has been torn asunder. We have not even the privilege of knowing the earthly resting place of many loved ones. That smiling little cherub, who once used to go down to the chancel steps to receive the alms basons, has been lost in a submarine or blown to atoms by a shell. What has our faith to tell us about him? Simply this: that One who loved as no mortal has ever loved, was taken down from a cross of torture, buried in a borrowed tomb, and came forth to proclaim Himself the Resurrection and the Life. We have believed this all along, but how much it means to us when we see its application to what, without the Risen Christ, we could not endure.

At Easter our people do two things: they receive the Holy Communion and make a generous offering. How blessed this year to thus have imparted to us the Risen Life: How tremendously important to us now is the Church which our generosity helps support.

Compensation

All of us should have been impressed by the statement so carefully stressed by our Chairman of the Department of Christian Education as to the decline in Church School enrollment. It presents a challenge to us all.

The year 1891 happens to be the one with which our present statistics compare so accurately. There was, however, a condition very prevalent in 1891 from which the Church nowadays is comparatively free. In most large parishes of that day the Sunday School was a thing apart from the stream of parish life, or perhaps it is more accurate to say that it would have come under Christian Social Relations rather than Christian Education. There was a "poor district" comparatively adjacent to the parish Church from which large number of children were recruited. Their parents did not attend the Church. In some cases these children were confirmed, without, save in the case of an occasional choir boy, making any contact with the life of the parish. After making their communions on a few occasions, they fell away. Still worse was the attitude of the actual parishioners who would not permit their children to attend the Sunday School for fear that they would "catch something". Thus those large Sunday Schools were very poor feeders to the future strength of the Church.

Happily this undemocratic condition is now largely a thing of the past. To-day, Bill, the son of an active woman in the parish, is sent to the Church School as soon as he can toddle. He moves up through the grades, helps at the Altar, takes a turn at being crucifer, and before one realizes how fast the years have flown, blossoms forth as a vestryman. Moreover, the parish of to-day has become truly democratic, with all types of people participating in all departments of its work.

All of this does not mean that we do not deplore the fact that we are statistically where we were in 1891. Such a condition indicates laziness and inertia somewhere. We will do well, however, to intensify in every way the processes of parish democracy and just because we believe that the Church in 1945 has a much healthier outlook than it had in 1891, work as never before to increase the enrollment of our Church Schools.

LOCAL PRESENTATIONS IN CONVOCATION OF MORGANTON

By action of the Convocation of Morganton it was decided not to have a presentation service for the Convocation this year due to travel difficulties. Local parishes and missions are urged to have their own presentation services, or possibly combine with an adjoining parish or mission.

The Woman's Auxiliary

HAVE YOU A BLUE BOX?

By MRS. JEAN S. WOOLDRIDGE

You say "No" and ask what is a Blue Box? The little blue box is a box given you by your Parish Treasurer of United Thanks Offering. In this box you put a gift of thankfulness for daily blessings.

These boxes are brought to a service at your Church twice a year. The date of the next service will be March 25th—the Feast of the Annunciation. If it is not possible to have your presentation service on that date, hold it as near that date as possible.

The purpose of the United Thank Offering is to help spread Christ's Kingdom at home and in distant lands. This purpose is carried out through women missionaries who are trained and whose salaries are paid by this offering.

The United Thank Offering is made possible because of the interest of the women of the Church in the spread of Christ's Kingdom. This interest is expressed through the thank offerings which connect their everyday life with God's great purpose for the world.

This offering provides for the training, equipping and sending of women workers in the many enterprises of the Church and cares for them when sick or disabled—these workers consist of doctors, nurses, teachers, social workers, evangelistic and student workers. Churches, schools, hospitals and parish houses have been built from this offering.

All of this and a great deal more has been done and is being done because some church women have learned to put their thankfulness into action.

The United Thank Offering could send more people forward in the service of their Church if more women shared in the Offering.

I ask again—have you a Blue Box and be sure to present it at the service March 25, 1945.

PRESENTATION SERVICE AT FLETCHER

The Children's Presentation Service for their Lenten Offering will be held at Calvary Church, Fletcher, N. C., April 15th, at 4 P. M. All the offering for this in the Convocation of Asheville should be brought to this service. All Junior Choirs should be present and vested, and as many young people as possible from each congregation. Refreshments follow in the Parish House. Remember date and time: April 15th, at 4 P. M.

YOUTH

Reports of a recent meeting of District No. 4 of the Young Churchmen have come to us, but details are lacking. About 25 were present, it was held at Redeemer, Shelby, and we believe St. Mark's, Gastonia, and St. Luke's and Our Saviour's, Woodside, Lincolnton, were well represented. The Rev. Grant Folmsbee was there.

The January meeting of District No. 5 has been adequately covered by the last issue of "The Sky-Line." If you haven't gotten a copy of this little paper, ask your minister for one. Jane Turner, of St. James', Hendersonville, is doing a good editorial job.

Young Churchmen at Grace Church, Morganton, comprise the whole of the Thursday night Lenten service choir, the number in which has varied from 4 to 16.

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew at Grace Church, Morganton, received its Charter at the 8 A. M. celebration of Holy Communion February 11th. Charter members are: Tommy Norton, Director; Andrew Kistler, Vice-Director; Tommy Lyman, Secretary-Treasurer; Douglas Van Noppen; Jesse Lockaby, Jr.; C. Douglas Leavell, and Herbert Boggs. Following the installation service Junior members were guests of the Senior Chapter at their regular monthly breakfast meeting. Mr. William McIntyre is serving as Counsellor for the Junior Chapter. The chief activity is to be acolyte work, according to the choice of the majority present at the initial meeting.

Some of the details have been worked out for the Diocesan Youth Camp at Patterson School. The dates are to be June 10th-16th. Cost will be \$6.00. Registration fee is \$1.00, payable now to the Rev. C. G. Leavell, Director. The Rev. Mark Jenkins, of Calvary, Fletcher, is to be Vice-Director. Other members of the Faculty, which is definitely limited because of O.D.T. restrictions which we believe will apply, are the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina; the Rev. W. C. Leach, Valle Crucis; and the Rev. Dudley Stroup, Diocesan Youth Secretary. In addition there will be three women counsellors.

The first forty-one registrations received by the Rev. C. G. Leavell after THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN comes out this time will be accepted, provided they are those of members of the Episcopal Church, over twelve years of age and under 24 years of age. Members of other communions may be taken later.

ST. MARY'S, QUAKER MEADOWS

St. Mary's is picking up with the coming of spring, in spite of the fact that there has been a recent exodus from the community to go into defense work. The Rev. Mr. Leavell has been holding Wednesday night Lenten services, followed by Confirmation Instruction, with the average attendance at these services of 34, a goodly number of whom remain with the 8 or 9 young people in the Confirmation Class.

Mrs. Tony Allman has recently succeeded Mrs. Robert Whisnant as President of the Woman's Auxiliary. Mr. John Oxford holds services and conducts Church School at 3 P. M. on Sundays when Mr. Leavell does not come for services. Miss Alice Whisnant continues to assist, both in Church School and in the singing and conduct of the 3 P. M. services the Priest-in-Charge holds on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The average attendance at the Sunday afternoon services for 1945 has been slightly over thirty.

ST. LUKE'S, LINCOLNTON

The Parish House has just been repainted inside in lighter colors, which makes it a very cheerful, attractive place. It serves as the meeting place of Sunday School, and two youth groups, one a recently-organized Y.P.S.L., of which Clara Martin is President, and John Seagle, Secretary-Treasurer. These two are the ones who canvassed the Parish for funds to repaint the Parish House.



The Rev. Grant Folmsbee, Rector of St. Luke's, Lincolnton, and Paul Francis Folmsbee.

DIOCESAN CHILDREN

A daughter, Gabriella Colvard Leach, was born to the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Leach, of Valle Crucis, December 6, 1944. At the time of her birth at the Banner Elk Hospital she weighed seven pounds. The Diocese congratulates the young Father—and Mother!

A son, Paul Francis Folmsbee, was born December 3rd, 1944, to the Rev. and Mrs. Grant Folmsbee, of Lincolnton. The Diocese is equally congratulatory to these proud parents.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, VALLE CRUCIS

At the congregational meeting the following were elected to the Mission Committee for 1945: Mr. Ernest Townsend, Warden; Mrs. Lyman Burkett, Clerk; Mr. Earl Tester, Treasurer; and Messrs. Robert Yates and Henry Taylor. The congregation has assumed a larger acceptance than its assigned quota for 1945 on the Apportionment, and at the same time assumed an additional amount of the salary of its Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. W. C. Leach.

Mrs. W. H. Wagner, who has served faithfully as Treasurer of the Chapel of the Cross for twenty-one years, was given a unanimous vote of thanks.

Mr. Thomas Herman was made the Church Garden Chairman. The Valle Crucis Garden is the demonstration garden for the rural Protestant Episcopal Church.

ST. LUKE'S, BOONE

In less than five years the new church of St. Luke's, Boone, the Rev. W. C. Leach, Priest-in-Charge, has been completely paid for, almost entirely from local funds. The Church is to be consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, D. D., at 4 P. M., April 29th.

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Age -----

Address -----

Parish or Mission -----

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

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(Rector or Priest)

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**CHURCH'S PROGRAM
"APPORTIONMENT" 1945**

January 1st to March 10th

| PARISHES | Accepted | Paid |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Asheville, Trinity | \$1,800.00 | \$281.06 |
| Asheville, St. Mary's | 307.44 | 24.72 |
| Asheville, St. Matthias | 146.40 | 302.50 |
| Biltmore, All Souls | ----- | ----- |
| Brevard, St. Philip's | 189.10 | ----- |
| Flat Rock, St. John's | 183.00 | ----- |
| Fletcher, Calvary | 402.60 | 115.84 |
| Gastonia, St. Mark's | 724.68 | 150.53 |
| Hendersonville, St. James | 640.50 | 36.80 |
| Hickory, Ascension | 244.00 | ----- |
| Lenoir, St. James | 475.80 | 105.20 |
| Lincolnton, St. Luke's | 292.80 | 26.52 |
| Marion, St. John's | 161.04 | ----- |
| Morganton, Grace | 1,300.00 | 300.00 |
| Rutherfordton, St. Francis | 624.64 | ----- |
| Tryon, Holy Cross | 793.00 | ----- |
| Waynesville, Grace | 134.90 | 50.00 |
| Wilkesboro, St. Paul's | 109.80 | 27.45 |
| Total Parishes | \$9,749.00 | \$1,421.22 |

| MISSIONS | Accepted | Paid |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Arden, Christ Church | 70.00 | ----- |
| Asheville, The Redeemer | 39.82 | ----- |
| Asheville, St. Luke's | 22.59 | ----- |
| Asheville, Trinity Chapel | 45.14 | ----- |
| Beaver Creek, St. Mry's | 19.52 | ----- |
| Bessemer City, St. Andrew's | 15.25 | ----- |
| Black Mountain, St. James | 152.50 | ----- |
| Blowing Rock, Stringfellow M. | 63.44 | ----- |
| Canton, St. Andrew's | 103.70 | ----- |
| Culowhee, St. David's | 7.93 | 7.93 |
| Edneyville, St. Paul's | 22.59 | ----- |
| Franklin, St. Agnes | 91.50 | ----- |
| Franklin, St. Agnes | 91.50 | ----- |
| Glen Alpine, St. Paul's | 10.00 | ----- |
| Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity | 15.25 | ----- |
| High Shoals, St. John's | 19.52 | ----- |
| Highlands, Incarnation | 152.50 | ----- |
| Hot Springs, St. John's | 10.00 | ----- |
| Legerwood, Chapel of Rest | 76.86 | ----- |
| Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's | 18.30 | ----- |
| Lincoln, Woodside, Our Saviour | 18.91 | ----- |
| Little Switzerland, Resurrection | 30.50 | ----- |
| Morganton, St. Stephen's | 18.30 | ----- |
| Murphy, Messiah | 19.52 | ----- |
| Quaker Meadows, St. Mary's | 18.30 | 16.10 |
| Rutherfordton, St. Gabriel's | 18.30 | ----- |
| Saluda, Transfiguration | 81.74 | ----- |
| Shelby, The Redeemer | 26.84 | ----- |
| Sylva, St. John's | 7.32 | 7.32 |
| Todd, St. Matthew's | 7.93 | ----- |
| Valle Crucis, Holy Cross | 231.80 | 38.64 |
| Asheville, Grace | 24.40 | ----- |
| Bat Cve, Transfiguration | 76.86 | ----- |
| Boone, St. Luke's | 18.30 | 18.30 |
| Edneyville, St. Peter's | 10.37 | ----- |
| Lincolnton, St. Paul's | 9.76 | ----- |
| Linville, All Saints | 13.00 | ----- |
| Penland, Good Shepherd | 30.50 | ----- |
| Rutherfordton, Missions | 7.93 | ----- |
| Upward, St. John Baptist | 61.00 | ----- |
| Tryon, Good Shepherd | 12.81 | 12.81 |
| Total Missions | \$1,716.01 | \$ 103.0 |
| Grand Total— | | |
| Parishes and Missions | \$10,245.01 | \$1,524.82 |

Only parishes or missions accepting or paying an amount on Church's Program are included in above summary of our Diocesan Missionary giving.

ST. PAUL'S, BURKE COUNTY

St. Paul's is not really in Glen Alpine but west of it a couple of miles, four by road, on a picturesque bluff overlooking the Catawba River several miles below Lake James. At one time it was a flourishing congregation, particularly before the lake flooded over farm lands in the St. Paul's community. Now most of the communicants of St. Paul's have moved away, to Morganton, to Glen Alpine, to other places. Yet St. Paul's continues to be a church which serves a rural community anxious to have the Gospel preached and presented to it. For more than a year the Rev. Mr. Leavell has been holding a 2:30 P. M. service the first Sunday of each month, with attendance varying from 10 (none on very rainy Sundays; that is understood by minister and congregation alike now) to 40 persons. Plans are now made for services to be held also on the third Sundays of each month, after Easter.

St. Paul's is taking on renewed life that lay dormant in spite of no worship whatever for a considerable period of time.*

* Three formerly active members of St. Paul's have died this winter, Messrs. Sylvester Walker, Grover Walker, and John Henry Mull, all of Glen Alpine.

ST. CYPRIAN'S, LINCOLNTON

The Rev. Mr. Folmsbee conducts regular weekly services in St. Cyprian's, and has been emphasizing those of an informal nature, with the singing of old-fashioned Gospel songs.

1940 HYMNAL INSTALLED

The 1940 Hymnal has recently been installed in the Redeemer and St. Luke's Churches, Asheville.

ST. JOHN'S, MARION

Mr. Walker Blanton continues active as Sunday School Superintendent, with Mrs. Walker Blanton, Mrs. Sam Yancey, Miss Alice Bryan, and the Rev. A. P. Mack other faculty members. The average attendance, including the Bible Class, has been about 25 persons in recent months, out of an enrollment of 35.

Mrs. Louis Cutler has presented the Parish with fifty melody edition hymnals for the pews, and a sufficient number for the choir with the full score music.

The Woman's Auxiliary, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. W. W. Neal, Jr., President, responded heartily to the call for Russian Kits, sending 12 kits.

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The Church In The Philippines

By *THE REV. EDWARD G. MULLEN*,
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St. Luke's Hospital, Manila.

We have only to glance at the pictures in our daily papers to see the scars that war is leaving on the cities and towns of the Philippines. Accounts by those recently released from internment tell us of the complete breakdown in public health service, schools, and the whole mental and spiritual life of the people. For over three years a ruthless enemy has had the Filipinos in its grip, and it will take many years to wipe out the effects of that occupation.

There are many organizations which give relief in times of suffering, but organizations do not work by themselves. There is no solution for the problems caused by man during war, except that found by man in times of peace. The kind of men needed to rebuild the moral and spiritual and physical life of seven-teen million Filipinos cannot be trained in a mass-production factory. The need is for men and women who have come under the influence of the Church, for no agency has been developed for training the whole life of man. For forty-five years the Church has been at work in the Philippines training the people on whom the burden of reconstruction will fall. It is up to the Church to continue to train such leaders.

Letters recently received tell of the fine work of the Filipino clergy during the time that the American members of the mission staff were interned. It is to the credit of the late Bishop Mosher that he insisted on the ordination of Filipinos and stressed the need for proper preparation on their part before ordination. Little did anyone know that so soon would come the period of persecution and trial. That the Filipino clergy have stood up under such severe testing is proof of the wise policy of native leadership.

One of the first needs of the Church in the postwar period is a staff for the Theo-

logical Training School in the Philippines. We need many more like Eduardo Longid and Albert Masferre and Mark Suluan to lead their own people, and to encourage them to more self-help.

No nation can rise above the level of the women of that nation. Forty-five years ago a kindergarten was opened in Manila in connection with St. Luke's Church. It was the first kindergarten to be operated in the Philippines, and boys and girls were trained together from the first day of school. Later schools especially for girls, like the Moro Settlement School at Zamboanga, and St. Stephen's Girls' School for Chinese at Manila, were founded to provide proper education for girls. Teachers like Sister Estrella, formerly Lillian Bagis, a Moro girl from Zamboanga, and nurses like Virginia Atienza, show to what heights of usefulness one may rise with proper training and emphasis in education.

St. Luke's Hospital is the center of the mission's medical life. There nurses are trained—more than 400 of them since 1911—and there young physicians receive their final instruction before going out to practice on their own. There, in 1940, 4000 patients were admitted to the hospital for treatment, and more than 40,000 received care in the out-patient department. All through the occupation of Manila the hospital has kept open and it is still a temple of healing in the midst of suffering and distress.

These schools and hospitals—each with a Church as the center of its life—would not have been built were it not for the Episcopal Church. Our Church is growing because it appeals to the Filipinos. Like them, it is bridging the gap between authority and freedom. Like the government of the Commonwealth, the Church is keeping the best of the old, but is not afraid of the new. That is why the Philippine Episcopal Church is now the largest Diocese our Church has outside of the United States.

Youth Commission Meets

The Youth Commission of the Diocese of Western North Carolina met on Tuesday, April 3, at Trinity Church, Asheville, to complete plans for the Diocesan Summer Camp. The Camp will open on Sunday, June 10th, at 5 p. m. with the registration of the young people, and will close on Saturday morning, June 16th, with breakfast.

Until an official pronouncement is forthcoming, the registration of the camp will be limited to forty-four young people in accordance with government restrictions, but it is possible that our camp does not come under these restrictions. (So keep your registrations coming in, Young Churchmen!)

The program of the camp will include worship, study and play. The Rev. Charles Leavell is Director of the Camp and the Rev. Mark Jenkins is Vice-Director.

BISHOP GRIBBIN RETURNS TO DIOCESE

The Diocese welcomes back home her beloved Bishop, who for several months has been at Hobe Sound, Florida, where he was temporarily in charge of Christ Memorial Chapel. Bishop Gribbin returned April 3rd. On April 8th he visited St. James', Hendersonville, where he confirmed 15 persons, and St. Philip's, Brevard, where he confirmed 9 persons. On April 15th he visited Grace Church, Morganton, and St. Mary's, Quaker Meadows, in which he again confirmed 15 and 9 persons.

CLOTHING

Do not forget the poor people of Europe who have in some instances been reduced to one shirt per family. Surely there is much extra clothing in every household that can be easily spared. If we could be at the other end of the clothing drive, we should be inspired. Can't you see the grin on the face of the farmer when given a pair of stout shoes, or the winsome smile on the face of the little French girl when handed a pretty frock?

—A. W. F.

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Camouflage

One of the root evils against which we have been contending in arms is what Isaiah had in mind when he denounced the calling of evil good, and of sweet, bitter. It is therefore doubly sad when this tendency shows itself under the banner of Christianity.

Among many undesirable forces in America there are two which are pertinent examples of this unhealthy tendency. One is an organization which calls itself "The Christian Americans", which is out to wrest from the men and women who toil with their hands, some of their hard-won rights. These people seem to resent any gain in the status of those who were once submerged. The mere fact that an organization is bold enough to incorporate itself under such an honorable and high-sounding title arouses suspicion. True Christians and true Americans are ever humble and realize that to be worthy of such distinctions they must do far more than merely proclaim that they are either Christian or American. By the standards of Christianity and of America, these noisy religionists and pseudo-patriots stand self-condemned.

The other group is more high-brow. They call themselves "Spiritual Mobilizers" and write much smooth-flowing prose. A careful reading of their pronouncements fails to reveal any original ideas whatsoever, but a frantic effort to use the Church to bolster up the status quo, and to divorce it from all liberal thought.

Perhaps you wonder as to the pertinency of this, to the Church's day by day

life in Western North Carolina. It is simply this. All sorts of reactionary ideas and movements will be launched in the post-war world, calling themselves by religious and humanitarian titles. These can not be met by answers in print, such as this pop-off in a diocesan journal. They can only be met by the thought processes of the rank and file. Dear reader, you can serve your God and country well by deciding what is true Christianity, true Americanism and what sort of spirituality needs to be "mobilized".

—A. W. F.

Corporate Planning

My religion is a private matter! This statement is implied or made by too many of us within the Church. It is made despite the fact that historic Christianity has always been a corporate matter. Not only do too many of us assume the position of individualism in our private religious life, but also we assume it in regard to the work of the Church. Somehow we must recapture a realization of the corporateness of the Church if we are to do our work effectively in the world.

How shall this sense of corporateness be re-established? Most certainly it is easier to ask for it than to see how we can reach it. The experience of the Church would seem to be this: parishes and dioceses which act as units are able to accomplish much more in terms of work, have a deeper sense of mission, and give to individuals a sense of belonging. We are the Body of Christ. Our task is to function as a body in carrying out the will of the mind of Christ.

At this time of year, dioceses are planning the work which must be carried out next Fall. Most of them are using the National Plan of Action. It is hard to see how a diocese which does plan its work can fail to accomplish great ends. When parish priests and lay leaders meet and face the task before them *as members of Christ's Body*, the outcome of their deliberations will be in large part the work of the Holy Spirit. Corporately, then, we can reveal Christ more perfectly to the world, individually more deeply conscious of our own membership. This is the power the Church has—this is the Power the world needs.

The same principle is true in each parish and mission. As the members meet to plan their work corporately, remembering they are members of Christ's Body and hence derive their life and meaning from the Body, the Holy Spirit descends upon them anew. Their plan became God's plan carried out by God's Church. In the carrying out of this plan, each member has a vital task to perform.

It is not our personal plans and wishes which ultimately count in such efforts of corporate planning. We, each of us, must contribute the best we have. How-

ever, each person, having made his contribution, must then function as a member of the Body in carrying out the purpose of the Body. Corporate planning in the Church does not mean the submerging of individuals, rather it means the enrichment of the individual. We are members one of another in Christ.

My religion is not a private matter.

Diocesan Camp

There is an intangible "Spirit of Western North Carolina" abroad in our diocese, which adds greatly to the quality of our work, and our enjoyment in the doing of it. Often when gatherings of clergy and laity take place, we congratulate ourselves on the joy of working together in what is, when at its best, the happiest of dioceses. There is an atmosphere here which simply can not be duplicated.

For a long time the need has been felt of "catching 'em young", and inoculating boys and girls with the spirit and traditions that have made our diocese so fine. In no spot can this be better done than in a camp solely for Western North Carolina young people. The diocese has a long roll of leaders, both clerical and lay, who have made their contribution to our diocesan happiness. The diocesan camp will produce more of them. As we see it, more important even than the training of youth for various tasks in the Church, is their catching the spirit of harmony, loyalty and ecclesiastical give and take that has made our diocesan life so wholesome.

—A. W. F.

"PREPAREDNESS" AT THE REDEEMER

Now that summer is here, the Church of the Redeemer, on Craggy Road, Asheville, is having a furnace installed. Father Stroup and the congregation, notwithstanding a beautiful Spring, are taking no chances on a late cold snap catching them with a chilly Church. Then, too, some people talk of snow 'way up in June. Anyway, the Church of the Redeemer promises a warm welcome to all visitors!

The Redeemer held the sixth of its monthly church suppers on Thursday, April 26th, with the Rev. Mark Jenkins as guest speaker. These suppers, which are primarily social, have proved to be of great value in promoting friendships and stimulating interest in the church. Held monthly, except during Lent, there is no charge for the suppers, which are served by the Woman's Auxiliary and attended both by church members and interested friends.

The Woman's Auxiliary

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Western North Carolina met on April 11th at Grace Parish House, Morganton.

Following the meditation and prayers by Bishop Gribbin, Mrs. A. B. Stoney, Diocesan president, welcomed the fourteen members present, with a special greeting to Mrs. F. W. Thomas, past member of the Board, who has returned as Personnel Chairman, and to Mrs. Mark Dickenson, Jr., of Rutherfordton, and Mrs. Sam Yancey, Marion, Directors-elect of the 4th and 3rd Districts, respectively.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting as scheduled, at Kanuga on June 7th and 8th. It is the hope of the Board that the women of the Diocese will make a real effort to attend, despite the difficulties of war travel. The session will open after lunch on June 7th, and close with lunch on June 8th. Charges for this will be \$3.50 per delegate.

The highlight of the meeting will be the address by Miss Alpha Nash, representative of the Province of Sewanee on the National Board. The Diocesan Board feels most fortunate in having procured Miss Nash for principal speaker.

Mrs. May T. New, Diocesan Treasurer, submitted her report which was accepted. Mrs. New explained that the Finance Committee had allocated the Valle Crucis scholarship, with \$175.00 going for girls and boy's work at Valle Crucis under the direction of Mrs. Mont Glovier and Rev. W. C. Leach, and the remaining \$25.00 going to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. The Board voted to ask all branches to raise their budgets for next year.

Silent prayer was held in memory of Miss Clara Holmes of Asheville, a past member of the Board, after which noon day prayers were offered by the Rev. C. G. Leavell, Rector of Grace Church.

A letter was read announcing that the Auxiliary branch at Christ School, Arden, disbanded at the end of 1944 after 44 years of continuous activity. The members of this branch will join the Calvary Branch at Fletcher.

The president announced that two new workers had been sent to the Diocese, Mrs. Eloise McKinsey to Glendale Springs and Miss Adelaide E. Smith to Appalachian School, Penland, N. C.

After a discussion of the work in the 5th District and a decision to send a delegate to the St. Augustine's Conference in June, the Rev. C. G. Leavell announced that plans for Camp Gribbin at Patterson School had been well formulated, and

The newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Francis Fisher, serves tea at a service dedicating seven Church Army mobile canteens for work among the armed forces. The Archbishop succeeded the late William Temple. He has been Bishop of London for the past five years. He is 57 years old, father of six boys, four in the Army.



urged that applications be sent in as promptly as possible. He also announced that the Kits for the Russians could be sent in during the spring and summer and expressed the hope that each Parish would meet its quota.

The Bishop talked briefly on the functions of the Army and Navy Commission and stressed the fact that unless the parishes met their responsibilities in contributing to this, the splendid work could not go on.

After short reports from the other officers present, the meeting was dismissed with prayers by the Bishop.

Luncheon was served in the Parish House by the members of St. Ann's Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Church.

News of The Church

"I used to wonder where my mite box pennies went, when I was a youngster," Chaplain Gordon M. Reese quotes from a naval officer's letter. "Now I know. I've seen some of the work the Church is doing in Honolulu. I am certainly proud of its activities. I have attended services at St. Peter's Chinese, the Hawaiian congregation, Holy Trinity Japanese, and also St. Andrew's Cathedral. All of us will go back better missionaries and better Christians for these experiences."

Commanding General Mark W. Clark, Episcopalian, read the Gospel at a non-denominational Easter service for troops of the Allied Fifth Army Group. The service was arranged by British and American Chaplains.

The diocese of Pittsburgh reports successful use of the film "We, too, Receive" referring to it in *The Church News* as "the most successful single project of its type in the recent history of the diocese." A young hospitalized soldier back from the South Pacific saw the film, sought out the rector and said: "You may tell the congregation that the sort of thing that picture shows happens every day . . . it is the absolute truth. I know. I was there!"

Lt. Comdr. Merritt F. Williams, former missionary in Alaska, then student pastor at University of Florida, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal "for meritorious service while serving as Chaplain of the WASP during the Solomons campaign." A survivor when the carrier was sunk in enemy action, he was previously awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained during that action.

Six months after its establishment as a mission, St. Luke's Church, Alama Heights, San Antonio, Texas, has applied for recognition as a parish. The Rev. Smythe H. Lindsay is rector. At the last diocesan Council, St. Luke's "protested" its assignment of a missionary quota of \$100, and insisted upon pledging \$1,000. Within three months 72 persons have been confirmed.

The Presbyterians believe that clergy should know something about applied psychology, salesmanship and advertising. Students at Louisville Theological Seminary, in Kentucky, are conducting a research project, with the expectation

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Thanksgiving Offering

The Thompson Orphanage in Charlotte, owned by the North Carolina Dioceses and recipients of our Thanksgiving Offerings, furnished us recently with the following interesting tabulation of gifts from our Diocese, from Thanksgiving, 1944.

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| Arden, Christ School | \$ 20.00 |
| Asheville, Trinity | 102.01 |
| Asheville, St. Mary's | 42.30 |
| Bat Cave, Transfiguration | 11.46 |
| Biltmore, All Souls' | 172.39 |
| Black Mountain, St. James' | 38.41 |
| Boone, St. Luke's | 10.00 |
| Brevard, St. Philip's | 33.85 |
| Canton, St. Andrew's | 23.28 |
| Chunn's Cove, St. Luke's | 15.00 |
| Craggy, The Redeemer | 39.00 |
| Flat Rock, St. John's | 7.00 |
| Fletcher, Calvary | 38.00 |
| Franklin, St. Agnes' | 26.50 |
| Gastonia, St. Mark's | 215.76 |
| Glen Alpine, St. Paul's | 5.00 |
| Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity | .00 |
| Haw Creek, Trinity Chapel | 5.00 |
| Hendersonville, St. James' | 75.15 |
| Hickory, Ascension | 50.88 |
| High Shoals, St. John's | 10.00 |
| Highlands, Incarnation | 11.00 |
| Legerwood, Chapel of Rest | 2.00 |
| Lenoir, St. James' | 30.93 |
| Lincolnton, St. Luke's | 53.15 |
| Lincolnton, Church of our Saviour, Woodside | 3.00 |
| Marion, St. John's | 11.50 |
| Morganton, Grace | 293.44 |
| Murphy, Messiah | 10.00 |
| Penland, Good Shepherd | 5.00 |
| Quaker Meadow's, St. Mary's | 10.50 |
| Rutherfordton, St. Francis | 113.05 |
| Saluda, Transfiguration | 20.00 |
| Shelby, Redeemer | 5.00 |
| Sylva, St. John's | 2.00 |
| Tryon, Holy Cross | 126.81 |
| Valle Crucis, Holy Cross | 28.03 |
| Waynesville, Grace | 25.00 |
| Wilkesboro, St. Paul's | 77.70 |
| Special | 53.50 |
| Total | \$1,822.60 |

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

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that it will lead to a new course in practical theology. According to Dr. W. A. Benfield, in charge of the research, "It is not intended that the study should help the Church to become an advertising agency or the ministers high-pressure salesmen." Dr. Benfield hopes that the research will discover some of the basic principles in human relationships which have been used so successfully by advertisers and salesmen in building the programs of their work.

KITS FOR RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

On April 16th the number of kits reported sent to Russian War Relief was 484 for the Diocese of Western North Carolina, although 822 kits were ordered to be filled by churches in this Diocese.

The total ordered by the Province of Sewanee was 18,468, with the Dioceses of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Atlanta leading in that order, each having ordered more than two thousand. Our Diocese ordered more than North Carolina (746), East Carolina (503), Upper South Carolina (321), Georgia (196), and Mississippi (75).

It is hoped that additional churches will undertake to fill these kits. The campaign for same has been extended to the fall of this year. The following summary indicates how many kits the several congregations in this Diocese have reported thus far, listed in the order of their reporting.

| <i>Parish or Mission</i> | <i>No. of Kits Sent</i> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ascension, Hickory | 24 |
| Grace, Morganton | 48 |
| St. James', Lenoir | 12 |
| St. Paul's, Wilkesboro | 12 |
| Chapel of Rest, Patterson School | 12 |
| Redeemer, Asheville | 12 |
| St. Luke's, Lincolnton | 12 |
| St. Cyprian's, Lincolnton | 12 |
| Our Saviour, Lincoln County | 12 |
| Redeemer, Shelby | 12 |
| St. Francis', Rutherfordton | 25 |
| St. James', Hendersonville | 24 |
| St. Mark's, Gastonia | 24 |
| St. Matthias, Asheville | 12 |
| St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton | 12 |
| St. John's, Marion | 12 |
| St. Philip's, Brevard | 30 |
| Calvary, Fletcher | 12 |
| All Souls', Biltmore | 55 |
| Trinity, Asheville | 36 |
| St. Agnes', Franklin | 12 |
| Incarnation, Highlands | 12 |
| Messiah, Murphy | 12 |
| St. James', Black Mountain | 12 |
| Total for Diocese | 484 |

TRANSFIGURATION, BAT CAVE

A new system of Sunday School Offerings, modeled on that of Calvary, Fletcher, is now in use at the Transfiguration, Bat Cave. Fr. Frank A. Saylor reports that the system yields more offerings and more interest, and that the children feel they have a real part in the work of the Church.

Funds sufficient to purchase a new organ have been raised by the local congregation and Priest-in-Charge, and said instrument will be installed when it is available.

REDEEMER, SHELBY, BUYS LOT

Mr. E. L. Kemper, Treasurer of the Redeemer, Shelby, recently announced that our congregation there has purchased a desirable lot upon which it is hoped that some day, not too far distant, there will be erected a church. The lot is located on Sumter Street, a block from the present chapel owned and loaned us by a local funeral establishment. There is room enough for a church, parish house, and rectory inasmuch as there is a 150 foot front, and the lot extends back 200 feet deep.

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The Reconstruction and Advance Fund

Churchmen will hear more of this Fund as 1945 progresses. It is a Fund of five million dollars which the Church knows it must raise within the near future in order to reconstruct her mission properties in those fields ravaged by warfare, especially the Philippines and Japanese-occupied China.

Before anyone is asked to give to this Fund there is to be a thorough attempt to educate him as to what the Church has been doing in her missionary work. We shall not even assume that he believes in missions, but remind him that to follow Christ means to follow His teachings of the Universal Fatherhood of God, to take seriously and personally His command "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ."

In a concentrated study of one mission field at a time we shall learn much more than if we attempted a "bird's eye" view of the whole of our mission work. Then too it is obvious that if we know thoroughly our missionary work in a single field, we shall have a pretty fair idea of it the world over. Missions are simply the Church as it expands, the Church at her frontiers, whether those frontiers are located in the Philippines, China, Latin America, Liberia, amongst American Negroes, or in rural areas of our own Diocese.

Of course there is a unique situation in those fields of our Church's work which have had actual warfare run through them. There we must re-build that which has been destroyed. Yet we all know that war has created changed conditions in places remote from the battle itself. In many cases such changes will challenge the Church to seize new opportunities, to accept new responsibilities. In such instances the fund we are seeking to raise is not to be used for reconstruction, but rather for advance work.

During the month of May the entire Episcopal Church is centering attention upon the Philippine Islands. Here where our Church followed the American flag when we took over those islands from

the Spanish, we have seen war at its worst. Our people have undergone terrific ordeals at the hands of a non-Christian people. Our properties have been destroyed by both Japanese and United States troops following military necessity.

From the Philippines Bishop Binsted recently cabled our Church Missions House at 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City: "Request \$50,000 relief fund immediately. Will need \$2,000,000 to rebuild." The first request was granted forthwith from funds we gave our National Council these past several years and which she faithfully deposited for use in the Philippines at such time as we could get them to that area. The two million dollars has to wait until we can get it.

Very recently I received a letter from an old friend, The Rev. Harry T. Burke, formerly of Christ Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, here in our own Province of Sewanee. He has labored as a young missionary for several years at Zamboanga and at Baguio. On leave in this country for post-graduate study, he received a call to a very acceptable church in California and at the same time a plea from the Philippines to return to that missionary field. He did the latter in the fall of 1941; then came December 7th of that year. My own guess was that he would be executed by the Japanese. No word of him came for over a year, then a Red Cross letter that he was in a concentration camp. Sometime after news of the dramatic rescue of prisoners at Los Banos concentration camp he sent a letter to other friends, which letter was relayed on to me, depicting largely the horrors of the place and evidence those prisoners barely escaped death. Then came the following, parts of which I here share with you:

St. Luke's Hospital,
Manila, Phillipines.
April 11, 1945.

"Dear B . . . :

. . . I suppose E. has told you all about our dramatic rescue from the Los Banos Concentration Camp. The first two years were not so bad, but conditions turned out for the worst in 1944. It all seems

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The Young Churchmen

By Way of Explanation

The United Movement of the Church's Youth came into being as a movement and not an organization. It was set up four years ago at General Convention to take somewhat the same place among the young people in the Church that the Forward Movement has among the general membership.

Here in W. N. C. the Youth Commission was formed to carry out the U. M. C. Y. program in the Diocese. In time the Diocese has been divided into six Districts with a chairman, secretary (young people), and a counselor. These District officers, who are also members of the Youth Commission, are elected in District meeting each year, and serve as the heads of the youth program in Districts. It is the job of the Youth Commission to make Diocesan plans for the young people.

In the Young Churchmen, regardless of what kind of organization a Church may have, or even if it has no organized youth group, its young people will have a part in the Young Churchmen of W. N. C. The Youth Commission in planning the program of the Young Churchmen wants every young person to have a part in an all inclusive youth organization.

KANUGA SCHEDULE

- June 1-4: Layman's Conference. Cost \$5.00. Dir., Rev. W. C. Campbell.
- June 4-7: Retreat for Women. \$7.00.
- June 7-8: Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Western North Carolina. Cost \$3.50. President, Mrs. A. B. Stoney.
- June 8-11: Midget Camp (Girls 10 and 11). Dir., Mrs. B. R. Moore. \$23.75.
- June 9-22: Junior Conference (Boys and girls 12-14). Cost \$24.00. Director, Rev. R. Emmet Gribbin, Jr.
- June 22-July 5: Cub Camp (Boys 10 and 11). Director, Mr. Burchill R. Moore. Cost \$23.75.
- June 23-July 6: Young People's Conference (Ages 15 to 20). \$26.00. Director, Rev. John A. Pinckney.
- July 7-21: Adult Conference. Director, Rt. Rev. John L. Jackson, D. D.
- July 7-21: College Conference, Director, Rt. Rev. John L. Jackson, D. D.

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Youth

The kaleidoscopic process by which THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN presents us with a rapid succession of editors, brings us in this issue a conjunction of forces, for here youth speaks to youth. It is highly significant that in an issue which features youth, youth in the person of our newest editor, should preside at the top of our mast-head. May the present editor's reign be much longer than that of many of his predecessors.

The "Youth Movement", if that be a proper name for it, swept the Church at what, looking back, seemed a most unpropitious time, namely the roaring, swaggering, free-spending, hard-drinking twenties. Strange as it may seem, the first Y. P. S. L. Presidents, attendants at summer conferences, delegates to youth conventions, etc., were not Priscilla Aldens, Elsie Dinsmores, or Georgie Bassetts, but the sophisticated and much-maligned post-war generation of World War I. Of course the wilder and faster-living boys and girls were not leaders in Church activities, but the encouraging fact remains that the Church did capitalize on the Flaming Youths of that epoch: salvaged many of them, and through them gave the Church much of the active leaders of to-day. We who lived through those days, can look back now upon a job well done.

Hence as another war approaches its climax, and we ponder as to what form the moral break-down that follows wars will take, we need to ask ourselves if we are doing everything in our power for the

youth of the Church. Undoubtedly fifteen to seventeen, the age just too young to go to war, will be faced by exactly the same temptations as beset their fathers and mothers. In 1918 the Church had practically no equipment with which to meet the situation, but hastily improvised some. To-day the Church has not only equipment, but experience and should do a far better job. Particularly does she need the accumulated wisdom of the former post-war boys and girls: those who once wore knickers, and ve-r-r-y short gowns and danced to "Everybody Step". Many God bless them as they attempt to share with the new generation, all the treasures which Mother Church has preserved for her children.

Every one who looks back at the twenties dreads any thought of their repetition. The fact that the Church made some gains then, is merely a reminder of how much more she can do under better conditions. The task is two-fold; to counteract the evil influences, and to build a House of Youth that is constructive. It wasn't the bad moral conditions that produced the Youth Movement: the latter was the Church's answer to an intolerable situation.

The First Gun

We can not begin to think too early about the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, which will be a feature of the Church's life in the season of 1945-46. This is a gigantic undertaking, looking to the restoration of the Church's property destroyed by war, as well as some items of a constructive nature, the undertaking of which war conditions have prevented.

We do not conceive it to be our function to present editorially a blue-print of this enterprise. That will come in due time from these charged with its prosecution: we are trying to sound a clarion call so that no one in the diocese will be ignorant of the fact that such a campaign is contemplated and in progress.

We feel that one of the weak-spots in the Episcopal Church is the great number of people in our ranks, who simply do not know the score. They must throw all church literature and communications from leaders in the waste-basket, and fall into a doze during the notice-period in Church. How often have our canvassers, after the rector has informed, the treasurer has exhorted, the Canvas Chairman has explained, and everyone has eaten a get-together supper, called at an address on their list, to be greeted with: "Oh, are they having a Canvas at St. Satisfax's?"

Dear Reader, we are having an effort to raise a "Reconstruction and Advance Fund".

Young Churchmen's Issue

Those who read the rest of this paper will notice that this issue is given over very largely to the youth of our Diocese. The HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN is thus endeavoring to engulf that excellent periodical "The Skyline", whose mailing list we are taking over for as many special "Youth Editions" as we may have in the course of a year. This action was taken at the last meeting of the Youth Commission.

Why favor the young people in this way? Well, we should be very happy to have a Woman's Auxiliary Issue, a Brotherhood of St. Andrew Edition, a Religious Education Number, or favor any Church organization which makes arrangements for such with the Editor. This may be considered an invitation.

The fact is, however, that the Young Churchmen are not an organization, but a united movement of the Church's youth which includes the Y.P.S.L., Acolytes, Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, young members of the choir, young Church school teachers, any and all who are in the Church. They are the future old Churchmen, the backbone of the Diocese of Western North Carolina ten, fifteen, or twenty years from now. They are followers of the Christ who at the age of twelve astounded aged doctors with His learning, and who completed His visible ministry among mankind at the youthful age of thirty-three!

A Letter From Jane Turner

Hendersonville, N. C.

Dear Friends:

Since summer is on its way, everyone is thinking about going to Camp at Patterson School for a wonderful week. Let's not forget, however, that there is at least one other definite date that we don't want to overlook. Naturally we cannot overlook Whitsunday, May 20th. We might not see all the opportunities it holds for us.

We can make preparations for a real family corporate communion, by starting now. Get your family together now to go out on one of these bright, spring Sunday early services and they will be looking forward to the special occasion of Whitsunday.

Then talk about it at your meetings and take stock of what you can do to help your rector, or little things that need doing at the parish house—if you are planning a breakfast after the corporate communion.

Call on the families of all the young people in the parish. One way is to divide the names of the families among

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The Diocesan Youth Camp At Patterson School

By Mark Jenkins—"Vice-Director"

This title of "director of vice", pardon me a correction, I mean "vice director of Patterson School Camp" so generously bestowed on me by the lovable, gracious and jocose members of our Youth Commission, I am convinced should be defined, explained and reflected upon for the good of the camp and the enlightenment of all prospective campers including the above-named embarrassed "director of vice".

Now Webster, that dear but wordy author of the book called "a dictionary", gives several interesting and concise but baffling definitions of the word "vice". In trying to find out all about the duties, privileges and drawbacks of my new office I went to Webster and I herewith pass on to you the information I found.

Four definitions among Mr. Webster's many seem pertinent to the job:

(1)—"Vice is a physical defect" . . . Now I know I have hangnails and a blister in the palm of my hand—but why should all the campers' attention be drawn to these defects in my otherwise perfect physical condition? By saddling me with the title of "vice" am I to be pointed out as the one horrible example of physical imperfection in camp and thus a blight put upon my young happy life? Will I ever be able to live down this terrible stigma so ruthlessly given by those heartless Youth Commissioners? Let me tell one and all that I will not hang my head in shame. Once and for all I proclaim I earned these physical blemishes working in my garden.

(2)—"Vice is the buffoon of old English plays" . . . Gosh! these definitions are getting worse all the time—a buffoon—and just because I told a story at the camp last year. Yes, I admit it was a ghastly thing to do at that late hour around the dying embers of the camp fire—to tell a ghost story that gave everyone (including our good Bishop) nightmares all the night long, when all should have been tucked in bed that last night with a sweet little story that would have brought pleasant dreams and restful slumber. I am still of the opinion that it was a good ghost story and very appropriate. Why should anyone think that all of life is a bed of roses; there are bound to be times when our breath comes in short gasps, when our hair stands on end and we wish we were home with mother, and I assure all of you right now there will be another "Nightmarish" story told over a few glowing coals at a late hour the second week in June. I wish some of my friends in camp would speak to those in authority and invite them to understand that I do not like



Patterson School, in Happy Valley, is the beautiful scene of the Diocesan Youth Camp. Above is a view of the main building as seen from the highway.

being called a buffoon even though it is hidden under the title of "vice director".

(3)—"Vice is iniquity" . . . Now, the Youth Commission has overstepped the bounds of propriety, decency and good judgement by trying to force on me the acceptance of a title that carries the implication that my work has to do with iniquity. Fellow campers, let us have nothing to do with iniquity and I am certain our Bishop, our Pastors, our parents, our counselors, our teachers will heartily commend us in this stand. AMEN.

(4)—"Vice denotes the person who may assume the office of his superior" . . . Ah-ha! here is the definition I have been searching for. The definition that brings solace to my heart after so many slams and slurs in the first three definitions. Here in a few short words Webster (the saints preserve him) gives me the authority I need for sweet revenge on my superior—and who might that be—none other than one (Rev.) Charles G. Leavell of Morganton, N. C. Let this man who wished on me the "vice" title, let him beware lest he find himself without office, honor or headaches at Patterson Camp.

In spite of all that Webster says about a "vice director" I am eagerly looking forward to June 10th when we of the Diocese of Western North Carolina will meet again in Pleasant Valley at Patterson School for a week's worship, work and play.

Whitsunday Corporate Communion

Whitsunday or Pentecost is often referred to as the "birthday" of the Church, since it is the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles following our Lord's Ascension. The Holy Spirit is often thought of as "the Comforter", and is so translated in the Authorized Version of the Bible. But by derivation—and in its earlier usage—the "Comforter" contained a much stronger meaning. It meant the One who gives energy or strength, the Conveyor of spiritual power. The Holy Spirit is not just the static presence of God but really God actively and vigorously at work. When the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles on the feast of Pentecost, things began to happen. A spiritual impulse sent them forth promptly to bear witness to Christ throughout the world. It began the world-wide mission of the Church.

Again this year, as in the past several years, the Youth of the Church are making this day a Corporate Communion for the whole Parish family. Whitsunday deserves to be treated as a day of comparable significance to Easter or Christmas. The whole Church will gather on that day before the Altar of God to receive Divine strength. Let us hope that a new spiritual impulse will be received through this Corporate Communion to send each of us forth a personal evangelist of our Lord.

The Meeting of District No. 4, Young Churchmen

Thirty-four delegates from Gastonia, Lincolnton, Woodside and Shelby met Sunday, February 25th, at 6 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Shelby, N. C. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Grant Folmsbee and in the absence of Barbara Wicks, chairman of the District, the meeting was presided over by Bruce Sanborn, of St. Mark's, Gastonia, Secretary. Mr. Folmsbee led the group in devotions.

Short reports were given by Tumpie Hudson, Shelby; Clara Martin, Lincolnton; Mary Bynum, Woodside; and Bruce Sanborn, Gastonia, N. C. Some interesting suggestions for getting more interest in the Leagues were brought out.

A questionnaire had been prepared and since Gastonia has a well organized League, Bruce Sanborn led the question period. St. Mark's League started in 1924, with fifteen members. All members of the League are not Episcopalians. Business and social meetings are held regularly. Study book at present is the "Prayer Book". St. Mark's League has a guest speaker once a month. The Sunday night program is as follows:

Songs (Using our own Y.P. Song Book), Devotions, Program, Secretary's Report, Old and New Business, Offering, Songs and Benediction.

They attend an interdenominational meeting on every Fifth Sunday which meets in the different churches of town.

The above program was discussed by those present.

Plans were made for District No. 4 to have another meeting after members return to parishes from Patterson Camp.

Supper was served by Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Gheen.

After supper we went to a Young People's Service at the Church of the Redeemer, Mr. Folmsbee giving the message to the Young People, and members of Youth League from Shelby and Lincolnton being in the choir.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Thomas,
Secretary pro tem.

ST. MARY'S, QUAKER MEADOWS Reported by Miss Sarah Whisnant

On April 8th at 3:00 P. M., a large group attended the Holy Baptism of six members of the Ernest Harrison family. Those baptized were Charles Alexander, Mattie Lucille, Edna Marie, Emma Sue, Ernest Richard, and Billy Ray. The other Sacrament, "generally necessary to salvation", Holy Communion, was celebrated thereafter.

On the following Sunday Bishop Grib-

bin made his visitation and confirmed Paul Revere Whisnant, William Thomas Benfield, Harold Clay Whisnant, Charles Alexander Harrison, Clarence Vernon Harrison, Mary Ellen Harrison, Sarah Elizabeth Whisnant, Bessie Virginia Franklin, and Mrs. Ernest Harrison.

At the last Young Peoples District Meeting which was held in Hickory, St. Mary's was represented by the following young people: Mary Harrison, Elizabeth Whisnant, Doris Whisnant, Charlie Harrison, Vernon Harrison, Sue Oxford, Billy and Earl Benfield, Harold Whisnant, and Sarah Whisnant.

The Mission Committee held a meeting April 26th and elected Mr. Samuel Wall as Delegate and Miss Adelaide Whisnant as Alternate to the Diocesan Convention. Also at this meeting plans were made for a Weiner Roast on Saturday night, May 11th, honoring the recent Confirmation Class. This is to be held instead of the annual Rogation Day dinner. Serious thought was given to the painting of windows of the Church and other repair jobs.

An Old Letter

The following letter came to us some time ago when it looked as if we might not be able to have our Diocesan Young Churchman's Camp. We did not print it then, since plans for Camp were actually being made. We feel it has a proper place in this "Youth Issue", however, and in showing how strongly "old timers" feel about having Camp.

107 Grover Street
Shelby, North Carolina.
February 11, 1944.

Dear Mr. B . . . :

Will you please see that this gets published in the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN?

Those of us who went to Patterson last year had such a good time that we want to go back next year. As a result we, the young people from Shelby and Lincolnton, met to see if anything could be done. Soon we hope to have another meeting with a larger representation from the other parts of the diocese. We will let you know when the date is decided.

I hope you will be at Patterson next year. I want to hear you play and sing "Frankie and Johnnie" again. Seriously, Patterson really did mean a lot to all of us and I hope we will be able to go again.

Thank you so much.

Respectfully yours,
Tumpie Hudson.

Editor's Note:

I'll be there with my mandolin, voice, "Frankie and Johnnie",—and "You Are My Sunshine." Now what does she mean by that "seriously"?

A Call To Camp

Spring is really getting into my bones these days, what with cherry, peach, and apple blossoms, iris in bloom, trees coming out in their full green, and the season of Easter-tide here. This particular spring has really had some scorching days, really like summer. And summer reminds me of camp. What camp? Well, naturally, our Diocesan Camp for Young People at Patterson School!

You know it really was about as good a conference, or camp—call it what you like—as I ever attended. Of course this year we shall all miss the Rev. Tracy Lamar, but I believe he started us off so well last year that this year's Director won't have much trouble. I sincerely hope he doesn't, anyway! There'll be the same old swimming there in the little river across that meadow at the "old swimmin' hole", and in the icy waters of the mill pond for the experts under the watchful eye of ballad-singing Fr. Leach. Surely there will be a baseball game of campers against faculty and summer boys of Patterson School proper. There will be real tennis this year, on courts over a year old. There will be a blazing camp-fire around which we will have our songs, tumbling acts, and blood-curdling ghost stories of Mr. Jenkins' wild concoction. There will be the peal of bells, this time during Mr. Jenkins' sermon thereon after the first half hour,—by way of beautiful illustration! There will be food, serving tables, and dish-washing so beloved by all. There will be dancing, and all sorts of stunts and games.

There can be the joy of learning something about the history of this old Church of ours, studying the Old Testament, finding out what the Creeds really teach, and then airing our own views on brief lectures in the morning hours. We shall have God's presence in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, and in the hush of evening prayer. There will be opportunity to come to know informally the beloved Bishop of our Diocese, the new Secretary for Youth Work, some of the lesser clergy, several excellent counselors for the girls, Mr. and Mrs. Wiese, and others regularly at Patterson School through the summer.

Camp calls us, and presents the chance to God through the Holy Spirit to weld together the young people of this Diocese, from highlands and lowlands, into a working unit and fellowship promising new life and promise for the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Woman's Auxiliary

The educational program related to our Reconstruction and Advance Fund campaign is about to be launched. The Church is expecting to present at least \$5,000,000 at the next General Convention for reconstruction in the Far East and in Europe and for advance work at home and overseas. Your part and mine in this task is to help stir the minds and hearts of people to the great opportunity before the Church in this generation.

The educational phase begins this month with emphasis on the Philippines. Leaflets and programs have been prepared for use in women's groups or other adult groups and a copy of Philippine Horizons has been mailed to the president of each branch of the Auxiliary in the diocese. It is hoped that time will be found to use these programs, as this is a remarkable opportunity for carrying out the emphasis on missionary education as stated at the Triennial Meeting. Other programs will be available for June, September, October, November and December.

DISTRICT MEETING AT HICKORY

A district meeting of young people was held at Ascension, Hickory, April 29th, with about forty persons present. The young people of Ascension Church led an inspiring service of Evening Prayer. The President of the District, Miss Frances Lynam, presided at the business session. Representatives from St. John's, Marion; Ascension, Hickory; Grace Church, Morganton; and St. Mary's Quaker Meadows, were present for roll-call. Miss Mary Anne Browne, Secretary for District No. 5, read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. O. H. Browne conducted a lively game of Bible lotto, following which refreshments were de-

lightly served by young women of Ascension Parish.

Miss Clara Sullivan, a returned Lutheran missionary formerly in China and now teaching in Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, then gave an exceedingly interesting talk on the peoples of China and their needs for education, modern medicine, but most of all Jesus Christ. She challenged young people seriously to consider missionary work as their vocation, and praised our own Episcopal Church's St. John's University, Shanghai, where she was interned before coming to America on the *Gripsholm*. After explaining how Chinese was taught "us foreigners", she sang the 23rd Psalm in Chinese language and melody. Following her talk she answered a deluge of questions poured on her by the young people. The meeting was closed with the benediction by the Rev. S. B. Stroup, rector of Ascension, Hickory.

REGISTRATIONS FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH CAMP

Patterson School June 10th-16th

Received up to May 1:

Jane Flynn, Martha Lou Jolly, Jimmy Brown, Tom Self, Bill Huntsman, and Patricia Brown, Asheville (Redeemer); Rebecca Moose and Pat Ellis, Boone; Helen Thomas, Gastonia; Mary Lucile Bohn and Ethel Gray Hanks, Lenoir; David Seagle, Phyllis Costner and Patsy Kistler, Lincolnton; Mary Aston Leavell, Avis Ann Oehlbeck, Bobbie Oxford, Barbara Bishop, Virginia Hedden, Betty Lee Oxford, Ella Mae Oxford, Tommy Norton and Richard Oxford, Morganton (Grace); Sue Oxford and Jimmy Oxford, Morganton (St. Mary's, Quaker Meadows); Ann Leach, Valle Crucis; Mary Abel Osborne and Jean Hodges, Waynesville; Betsy Barber and Don Reins, Wilkesboro.

The limit for the camp, due to the capacity of Patterson School, will be forty girls and twenty-five boys. After the



The Rev. Chas. G. Leavell, rector of Grace Church, Morganton, is director of the Diocesan Youth Camp.

first of May registrations of those other than members of the Episcopal Church will be accepted. Two are already on file. We suggest immediate registration of all who wish to be at our Diocesan Camp this summer.

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Age -----

Address -----

Parish or Mission -----

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

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(Rector or Priest)

Cut this application out of this paper, and mail to The Rev. C. G. Leavell, 401 S. King St., Morganton, N. C., together with \$1.00 registration fee. Bring the other \$5 when you come for supper June 10th. If you must be met in Lenoir, state same in letter to that effect.

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St. Luke's Mission, Boone, N. C.

The recent consecration of St. Luke's Mission Church, Boone, has led the editors of the *HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN* to request more information about the history, present activities, and future plans of this church.

It was in 1883 that a deed was taken for property on which to erect a church in the then small village of Boone, and work was begun on building in the same year. The establishment of an Episcopal Church in a remote section of the western mountains had as its cause one that is familiar to those who know how the Church has sprung up in so many remote spots of the Lord's Vineyard: One family had Church affiliations, probably stemming from the Valle Crucis Mission ten miles away, and that family was largely responsible for seeing to it that a house of worship was finally established. The erection of the Church in Boone turned out to be a strategic move, for Boone was the county seat, and the passing years saw the growth of a state teachers' college and the subsequent growth of the town in size and importance.

In the 1930's, there was not only a rapid expansion of the college, but the town expanded and improved in appearance. One of the civic improvements was the regrading of the main street on which St. Luke's was located. The Church then found itself in a hole in more ways than one: The old church members had died out, a lack of evangelizing zeal had resulted in lack of growth, services were infrequent, and to add insult to injury the regrading of the street had left St. Luke's far below street level. An attempt was made to set the Church up on pilings, but time, the elements, and the age of the frame building soon combined to make the structure neither a credit to the town nor to the Church. So in 1939-40, under the guidance of Bishop Gribbin, the Rev. Boston Lackey, and the Rev. E. Dargan Butt, plans were made for the erection of a new St. Luke's Church. By trading the site of the old church for one on the street leading to the college campus, it became possible to erect a modern brick church that seats one hundred.

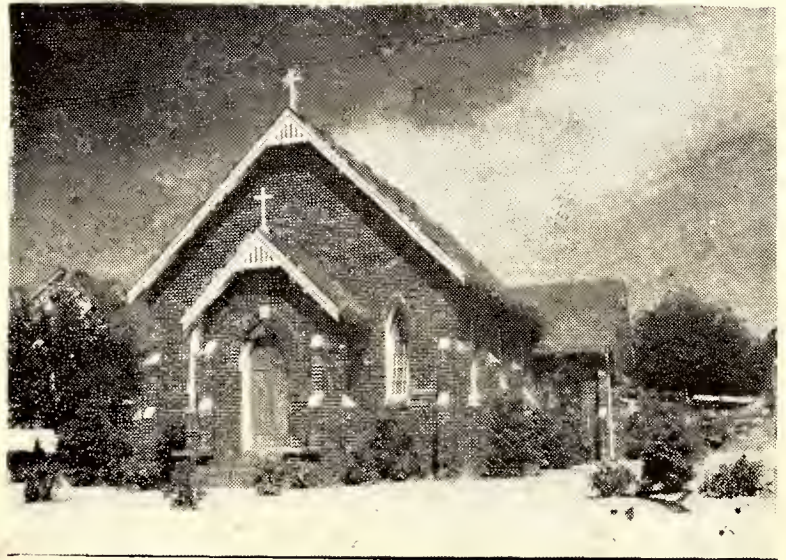
In the summer of 1940, St. Luke's was dedicated and put under the direction of Mr. Grant Folmsbee, then a candidate for Holy Orders, now rector of St. Luke's, Lincolnton. Winter services were held by the Rev. E. Dargan Butt and by lay-readers. In 1941, summer services were again under the direction of a seminarian, Mr. John Sutcliffe.

It was not until just before Lent in

1942 that a year round schedule of services could be planned and carried through. It was at that time that the Rev. W. C. Leach came to assume the charges in the mission field of the northern end of the Diocese. Fr. Leach came to the Diocese from the Diocese of Newark where he had been in charge of the parish church of St. John's, Dover, N. J. Educated at the University of North Carolina and General Seminary, he had been accepted by the National Council as a missionary to the Philippines. When the gathering crisis in the East closed the door to that mission field, he and Mrs. Leach volunteered to continue their interest in missions by entering the rural work of this Diocese.

Today, St. Luke's stands at the threshold of a growing opportunity to serve the community and the college. Although less than five years old, the new church is clear of all debt. It was a source of much satisfaction that on April 29th of this year, Bishop Gribbin consecrated St. Luke's. The church was filled to capacity on that occasion with college students, townspeople, and many visitors. The Dean of Morganton Convocation, The Rev. Mr. Lackey, to whom much credit goes for instigating the new building program, was present, as were Fr. Sill and Fr. Folmsbee.

One of the most important and interesting phases of the work at St. Luke's is its ministry to the winter and summer



St. Luke's Church, Boone

school students at Appalachian State Teachers' College. Although the number of Episcopalians at the college has never been great, through those who are there the Church has entree to student life and the chance to interest those who might be potential Church members. The Na-

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Daily Vacation Catechism School

A daily Vacation Catechism School was held at Grace Church, Morganton, June 25th through June 29th inclusive.

Themes for this school were the five main divisions of the Catechism: The Christian Covenant, The Christian Faith, The Christian Duty, The Christian Prayer and The Christian Sacraments. Classes were held each day on the above subjects.

The Rev. Charles G. Leavell, Rector, assisted by Mrs. F. W. Davis, led the sessions for the older group.

Miss Patricia Page of Melrose, Massachusetts, who has been training to be a Church worker at Windham House, New York, this past winter, assisted by Miss Frances Lynam of Morganton, were in charge of the activities of the younger group. There was a picnic on the closing day.

The average daily attendance was 39.

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Mr. Quorum and Mrs. Query

These are two individuals who play havoc in parish life. Some men are elected to vestries, whose modesty (?) operates in the direction of inducing them to think that their sole function is to see that meetings do not fail of a quorum. The rector knows that there will be several telephone calls during supper on vestry-meeting nights, asking the same old question "Do you know whether or not I am needed to make a quorum?" The implication is that the Church's business is a piffling matter, to be gotten out of the way as quickly as possible.

Equally disturbing is Mrs. Query, the lady perpetually in a hurry and perennially "busy", who in dulcet tones, says to the rector "I am fearfully rushed and want to know if anything really important is to take place at the meeting of St. Frideswide's Guild, because, unless it is very important I will not come." The obvious answer is that the work of the Church is always important, and that the job of every member of an organization is to bring business to a meeting. The rector of a parish can't forever provide work for "unemployed" parishioners, nor would he be particularly popular if he deemed that his outstanding function.

A Problem

To what little extent we can peer into the future of the post-war world, one factor seems clear. There will be more

people employed and fewer who have the privilege of staying at home than before Pearl Harbor. This poses a problem for the Church.

For, vast numbers of the employed reason that because they work hard during the week, they are the sole judges of how Sunday shall be spent. Any suggestion that they attend Church regularly is brushed aside with the statement "It is the only day that I have to myself."

Now the worth-while people in the world are those who do the work of the world, and the Church is in a bad way indeed, if it cannot have their support. Obviously, if they do not worship God in His Church, anything else that they do in the name of the Church, constitutes but a very small factor.

On these premises, the only people who can be expected to attend Church are semi-invalids, children, the very old, and the idle rich. The non-Church-goer looks scornfully at these, and says "hypocrites". Moreover, he complains about the sort of atmosphere which these elements produce, says that the Church has missed the boat, has no message for to-day's world, and has shrunk to trifling proportions.

No wonder! What priest would accept a parish if he knew that it was controlled by people who fiddled around with the Church because they had nothing better to do, and that people who were doing the work of the world, came merely at Christmas and Easter, if then? Therefore a vital task before the Church today, is to convince people that working six days, does not excuse them from worshipping on one. If this can not be done, the future of the Church is dark indeed.

All Youth Provincial Convention

The third annual all Youth Convention of the Province of Sewanee met at Kanuga Lake, Hendersonville, July 7th to 14th. The Convention was composed of the members of the Youth Commission of the Province, and three delegates from each of the 15 Dioceses. From Western North Carolina the delegates were Miss Jane Turner, Hendersonville, Miss Helen Thomas, Gastonia, Miss Ann Leach, Banner Elk, and the Rev. D. J. Stroup, Adult Advisor.

Miss Helen Thomas, of Gastonia, was elected to serve on the Youth Commission of the Province, as the representative from Western North Carolina. She will serve until the Convention of 1947.

Editor's Note:

There will be no September issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN, in accordance with publication policy in the past. But we'll be back—better than ever—in October!

Diocesan Convention

By Father Sill

We meet once a year as a Convention of the Diocese. Who meet? If you, who read this, are a member of a parish or organized mission of the diocese, it is your representative who meets with other representatives of parishes and missions chosen by the congregation.

How much interest do you take in seeing that the right delegate or delegates represent you, or in serving as a delegate, if called upon? An organized mission is allowed one delegate and one alternate, and a parish three delegates and three alternates. You need to know, of course, what the convention is for, how necessary it is, in order to take an interest in it. I have had some experience in charge of organized missions, and know the lack of interest on the part of good, capable men and women in serving as delegates to the convention. I say "good and capable," that is, ones who are faithful to their local Church, interested in its welfare, and, as is needed for a delegate, able to contribute thought and interest in matters concerning the Church in the diocese. There are capable ones in our parishes as well as in our missions who could be delegates if they had the interest of serving as such. We have good and capable delegates as a rule, but there is not much competition among our church members in serving as such. On the contrary the clergy are fortunate sometimes if they can persuade ones to serve, to make up the sufficient number from a parish or the single one from a mission. Sometimes an organized mission has no delegates, except the clergyman in charge, the important thing being that the members are not concerned whether they have one or not, not considering the duty of representation at the convention.

Well, what is the use? What is the convention for? Why spent a day or two of my time, when I have so much else to do? In the first place the convention is for the purpose of giving information. This is given thru the report of those who have the trusteeship of diocesan property, all property of mission churches being such, of those who manage diocesan finances, the diocesan budget being, of course, of concern to every church member, for the budget determines what is the part of every parish and mission in contributing to the support of the diocese and of the National Church. Reports are given of the extension and the needs of further extension of the Church in the diocese, as well as of its co-operative works and movements, such as our boarding schools, the young peoples' organization, the Woman's Auxiliary, the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN, and consideration is given to certain special causes and plans referred to us from time to time by the National Church, as the present

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tional Council Division of College Work and the Church Society for College Work have stressed the necessity for more intensive work on the part of the Church in teachers' colleges. By so doing, the Church not only ministers directly to the spiritual needs of college students, but lays the ground-work for fostering the Church among countless numbers of children and young people in the elementary and high schools. The teacher is in close touch with children in places where the Church is not known, and through the nine months of the average school year, can do much to make the message of the Church a vital thing in the lives of young people.

In all honesty it cannot be said that St. Luke's is a highly organized church. The small numbers seem to preclude that. There is a chapter of the Women's Auxiliary, and the women of the church are organized enough to see to it that the church is kept free from dust and spiders and that the Altar is always fit and ready to receive our blessed Lord.

Operating on a budget of five hundred dollars a year, St. Luke's has always been able to keep paid up on its assessment and apportionment. The amounts for these is not high, but in proportion to the communicant strength which numbers only fifteen, it compares favorably with that of other missions. Every effort is being made and will continue to be made to increase its contribution to the Diocese and to the general Church program.

Like many another small, struggling mission, St. Luke's is somewhat in the position of the cat that has itself by the tail. It is too small to seem to warrant having a resident priest, but until a resident priest is secured, it will always be too small, etc., etc., etc. The college work alone is enough to lend weight to the hope that a resident pastor can be secured, and when one considers the vast area surrounding St. Luke's that is served by only one missionary, it seems logical to assume that ways and means might be found to man this area more fully. It is along just those lines that plans are now being drawn by St. Luke's membership: Realizing that it is next to impossible to expect a resident pastor until there is a place for him to live, a campaign will soon be under way to raise the funds necessary to provide for both living quarters and room for parish activities. Present plans call for a parish house erected on the lot adjoining the church. Space will be provided for an apartment that will serve as a residence until greater growth will make a separate rectory possible.

Summing up then: St. Luke's Mission Church, Boone, has had a life covering more than sixty years. Much of that life went on "unwept, unhonored, and unsung," but the course was held; every

"PAUL, OF TARSUS"

By H. F. B. Mackay

For many of the Saints, a simple biography describing what they did or wrote, or how they served God, will be enough for Church people. But it will not do for the great leader of earliest Christian thought. Not only must we know what St. Paul did and wrote, but likewise the issues which he faced, the resources which his background and training provided with which to meet them, the places and people that made his life, and the developing spiritual life that unified the whole. The writer of such a story must be a man who has been over the ground himself.

And that is why a book first published in America in 1931, is still the life of St. Paul that will be most helpful to Churchmen. The late Father Mackay was in the best tradition of the Church of England. His education gave him a knowledge of the first Christian century equalled by few other scholars. He had seen Jerusalem, Tarsus, Antioch, and Corinth and travelled every step of the journeys of our Lord and of St. Paul, often on foot in order to come as close as may be to their experiences. His life of prayer was sufficiently developed to enable him to understand how much St. Paul's visions could mean. And at the same time the human sympathy that made him one of the great preachers of England enabled him to present St. Paul in such a way that none could fail to grasp the essentials of a great character.

The story begins with a boy in a well-to-do home in Tarsus. It introduces us to Gamaliel and his influence on that boy. We have the story of Saul and Stephen, and of how the converted Saul at last came to realize that it was his duty to take the place of the First Martyr whom he had helped to kill. The hero's relations with St. Barnabas and St. Peter are made more clear than in other books about the same men. We follow the missionary journeys, and learn the factors involved in St. Paul's great decisions. The fundamental theology of the Epistle to the Romans is summarised for us, together with the needs that impelled him to write it. And best of all, we are never for a moment allowed to forget that Paul of Tarsus was a spiritual man, that his understanding was not merely dependent upon a superior mind and an excellent education, but even more upon that life of devotion in God's Holy Church which we all can share with him.—J. H. Rhys.

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effort possible was made to deepen and strengthen the spiritual lives of those who came in touch with the Church. The same kind of effort goes on today and will continue with even greater vigor.



Boston M. Lackey, Jr.

B. M. LACKEY, JR., ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD

Boston M. Lackey, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Boston M. Lackey, Sr., of Lenoir, was ordained into the priesthood of the Episcopal Church, by Bishop Gribbin, at the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill on Thursday morning, July 5.

Since his ordination into the ministry a year ago the young minister has been serving as curate in St. Johns parish, Waterbury, Conn. He will go back to Waterbury for another year, after which he expects to return to North Carolina.

Born in Raleigh on July 5, 1921, son of Boston McGee Lackey and Janet Matthews Lackey, Boston Lackey first attended graded school in Lenoir in 1928 when his father became rector of St. James parish.

Upon entering the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he majored in English, he became a member of the University Band and Symphony as first flute soloist. He was elected a member of the Phi Mu Alpha honorary musical fraternity. Upon his graduation in 1942 with an A. B. degree he entered the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va. Here he was elected a member of the student council and elected president of the Senior Class of 1944.

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\$5,000,000 Reconstruction and Advance Fund. In all such, only mentioning some, we should all have concern.

Then every parish and mission is under church laws called "canons" in their organization and management, which have need of revision and amendment from time to time. In taking such action, as also in accepting the diocesan budget, and in electing diocesan officers for a year or more, the convention is a legislative body.

I will not speak particularly of the benefit of knowing and hearing those who guide our diocesan affairs, of the spiritual value of praying and communing together in behalf of the diocese, or of the opportunity we have of forming friendships with others, striving equally with us, possibly more zealously than we do, in promoting the faith and work of the Church.

Whether delegates or not, we are continually indebted to our committees and officers who carry on throughout the year. Unless we look into the matter we don't realize the work involved. We have outstanding men and women delegates, clergy and lay, serving as our elective and appointive officers. Any church member can obtain from his pastor, by loan or otherwise, a copy of the yearly convention journal, which explains about diocesan and convention matters. Say a prayer now and then for your bishop, your deans, and other diocesan officers, if you can do so intelligently.

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