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IF HE COMES

By the Ven Frederick W. Neve, D. D.

If Jesus came to you,
What would you do?
Simply invite Him in,
And then confess your sin,
And ask Him to forgive
That you for Him may live,
And through each passing day
His Holy Will obey?
That would be far the best
For you would find His rest
And peace for mind and soul,
To comfort and console.
Or would you rather say—
Pass not this way?

I do not want to be
From sin set free.
I choose to do my will
And wander still;
And not Thy will obey;
Nay, do not come this way!
Then He will come no more;
For thou hast closed the door;
Unless you change your mind
And seek your Lord and find.
But still I hope you may
This very day,
Turn unto Him and pray,
That He will conde your way,
And enter in and stay.

THE BISHOP'S PAGE

We are about to enter upon another Lenten Season, "the dear feast of Lent," as it has been well called, a time not intended to be irksome or tiresome, or binding in any way, but a time to help us grow and develop in the Christian life. Perhaps you may say, "But why try to compress into six weeks what should be the constant endeavor of life?" I think the answer would be that what we leave to any time is generally left to no time, whereas by centering our attention on this period of our Lord's great self-denial in the wilderness, we get a fresh start and a new incentive that will carry us on through all the year. When we accept Christ as our Saviour and King, we are in grace but the Apostle says we must **grow** in grace. Growth is essential to life. We must go on growing into the maturity of the perfect manhood set before us in Christ Jesus, for the only alternative is death; we must grow to live. This is a law in the spiritual as well as the natural world.

Our Mother, the Church, calls us therefore in this Lenten Season to withdraw for a little while from the busyness of life. Sometimes I think that if we stopped, looked, and listened we would realize how really little of the busyness of life is the business of life. We seem to live in a fever of hurry, and yet a great deal of it is utterly futile and exhausting, and sometimes when the day is over, one feels as though he had only been running round in circles and getting nowhere. The reason, perhaps, is because our life is out of proportion. We are Trinity, body, mind, and spirit, and proper development means that care and thought must be given to each side of our three-fold being. How pitifully the average man and woman neglects the spiritual. By

far the greater part of our time and thought and effort is given to providing for the body,—its care and comfort and amusement, its feeding and clothing and housing. Another large block of our time is devoted to what we may call self culture, taking lessons and courses in languages, music, art, current topics and so forth, and the part of us which is of supreme importance is neglected and sometimes starved to death. The spirit needs food just as well as the body and the mind.

Why should this be and why should we be so indifferent to the welfare of our immortal souls? Perhaps because the material things of life press so close and bulk so large, and the spiritual seems far off and intangible. Hold a dollar right before your eyes and you can't see anything but money. The Church appreciates this stress of life and asks us to take a particular time to take the emphasis off the body and lay it on the soul.

Will you not then make a real use of the Lenten Season this year, so that you may come to the Easter joy with a full and loyal heart. May I make some suggestions. Cultivate the practise of prayer; give a definite time to the earnest study of God's Word; be regular in your attendance on the worship of the Church; do something each day for others; deny yourself some of the luxuries and pleasures of life, not merely for self mortification but for the building of character.

Christ and his disciples felt the need of retirement from the pressing demands of life, in what would appear to us a quiet age. How much more do we, in this fevered rushing age, need to heed His word: "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile".

John D. LaMothe, Bishop of Honolulu

"WHAT THE CHURCH OFFERS"**Dr. Bowie Prize Winner**

Dr. W. Russell Bowie, rector of Grace Church, New York City, received a prize at a luncheon of the Church Advertising Committee of the New York Advertising Club for winning a contest for the best statement or advertisement on: "What the Church Has to Offer Men."

Dr. Bowie's prize-winning statement follows:

"Without ideals life is mean. Without a purpose it is flat. Without inspiring power it will fail. The Church can give to men ideals, purpose, power. In the lives of prophets and heroes, and in the life of Jesus Christ, the Church holds up the ideals by which character and achievement must be measured. In the call to help build the Kingdom of God on earth, the Church presents the purpose which can give new meaning to everything we do. In common faith and in cooperation of purpose the Church releases through human lives the transforming power of God."

From Bishop Seaman's Journal, September 22nd (while on his way to the Conference of Missionary Bishops): —Visited our Navajo Indian School and Hospital at Ft. Defiance, Ariz., attending a large clinic. To see our devoted missionaries risking their sight and their very lives in this remote section, so like the Judean hills, must help one to see in the Church's program our blessed Lord Himself at work in the Church. Four of the missionaries in this difficult station, thirty-five miles off the railroad, are United Thank Offering workers, each getting \$600 a year!

The University of Nevada at Reno has 100 Episcopal Church students this year. The Very Rev. Allen Jacobs is dean of the cathedral parish here.

THE EDITORIAL "WE"**THE BEAUTY OF LENT**

Lent is a season, traditionally, of penitence, self-denial, and general religious gloom. Probably most of our people, when Lent approaches, say to themselves, "Oh, dear, Lent is coming again! Now I can't go to the theatre, and I must give up candy (or smoking). I never did like Lent, anyway." Or else, with the 1928 brand of bravado, we say that the Church has no business to be telling us what to do, and we go merrily on our social and gastronomic way as if there were no such season.

But perhaps it may be that we have looked at Lent from somewhat the wrong angle. If we cannot get people to keep the kind of Lent which they don't like merely because they ought to, perhaps by pointing out the real spiritual beauties of the season, we can make them like it, and therefore keep it cheerfully and with a good heart.

First of all, Lent is a time when we have an opportunity to discover how many things we can perfectly well get along without, how many of our constant round of activities are superfluous and dispensable. We have made much of what we are pleased to call progress in, say, the last 25 years; we have vastly more things with which to amuse ourselves than we had then. But it is a serious question whether all these items have been gains, and in particular whether the material gains have not far outrun the spiritual. Perhaps we need just now to stop inventing new things, whether for convenience or amusement, and devote a bit of time to the building up of character and solid intellectual achievement.

So Lent comes to us with a message of relief from the constant pull of mere things. Personally, we are old-fashion-

ed enough to believe that we ought to give up some things during Lent,—some of the superfluities which are really just unnecessary luxuries, and to put in their places activities in harmony with the Lenten ideal of self-denial.

A second beautiful aspect of Lent is that it not only gives us an opportunity to dispense with many of the non-essentials of modern living, but it gives us time to become reacquainted with our Bibles and the truths of our Church. In every parish and mission, we suppose, there is given ample opportunity, by means of additional services of worship, of study classes, of Bible readings, to indulge ourselves in the spiritual luxury of having time to take a genuine interest in religion. Lent is designed, among other things, deliberately to challenge us to try to prove that social frivols—even harmless ones—are really in the long run more profitable and interesting than work for Christ and His Church. Frankly, we do not believe that anyone who will honestly try during the coming Lent the experiment of paring to the minimum unnecessary personal indulgences of time and money and putting in their places more regular Church attendance, more Bible reading, more attention to the work of his parish church, more missionary study and giving,—we do not believe that, when Easter comes, he will even wish to go back to the former way of living and spending. We believe that the charm of Lent, the joy of actually having time to do God's work as we have always at least subconsciously felt we wanted to do it and ought to do it,—that this will have so laid hold on the higher side of our natures that we shall decide to continue our Lenten program, not because it is Lent, but because we shall have discovered durable satisfactions and lasting joys therein which are not to be found elsewhere.

And then, Lent does one more thing

for us,—perhaps the most vitally important of all. It holds before our vision more vividly than ever the figure of the Christ. Lent above everything else emphasizes the personality of Jesus; it shows us a bird's-eye view of His life; it reminds us again that it is He who is central in Christianity. Bishop Fiske puts it beautifully: "Use the season as a time to think about Christ's way. Use it as a time to test your life by His ideals about God and ourselves. Revise your present plans and try to start on the path to which He points. We have all more or less been living the life of self-seeking; let us now start to act as if Christ were right, and all other ways of life than His were wrong."

We hope that, this Lenten season, we shall try to see Lent not so much as a time for penitence and meditation about our sins and shortcomings, though that has its proper place, but rather as a time for deepening and strengthening the spiritual life by laying aside the weight of the many non-essential things which cumber our lives, by spending more time on our knees and in the house of God, more time with our Bibles in our hands and our minds turned away from the things of earth and toward the things of eternity.

A CORRECTION!

On page 13th of the last issue, under the head of Missionary Apportionment Fund, a star (*) "Indicates apportionment or assessment paid in full." Allow me to call your attention to the fact that no star (*) appears on the line with West Kauai Missions, but we over paid our apportionment. I take it that this is a typographical error and that you will be glad to correct it.

J. L. Martin.

(Of course we are glad to note this correction—Editor).

NEWS OF THE PARISHES AND MISSIONS

KOHALA, HAWAII

Rev. James Walker, Priest-in-Charge

At the beginning of the year there was no time to spare to write of our doings. Christmas Day turned out very wet and so made a great difference to our congregations. S. Augustine's Church had been nicely decorated by Mrs. R. T. Treadwell and Miss Black. Gifts of toys were received from the Rev. and Mrs. James Kieb, S. Clements Guild, and S. Andrew's Sunday School, to whom we tender our sincere thanks.

At Makapala we gave the children a dinner. I wish some of you could have seen the youngsters eat. There are many rich people who no doubt would give quite a portion of their wealth away to have half the appetite of some of these youngsters. There is no exaggeration in saying that some of them never had such a meal before in their lives. Over 100 could sit down for dinner, thanks to having a Parish Hall there, and everything was served properly, the children sitting at tables of four or eight. They did ample justice to the food provided for them, pork, rice, beans, poi, milk, sliced peaches, mince-pie, and parker-house rolls. Friday, December 23rd, 1927, will stand out in the memory of many of them.

At S. Augustine's Church, the Sunday School children had their Christmas party in the Rectory grounds, as here we have no hall. At this party two uninvited guests arrived, the first arriving shortly after the children had commenced to play their games. It was a stray pup. Later a stray kitten joined the group, and the little creatures seemed to enjoy themselves as much as the youngsters. It was nice to see how kindly they were treated. One of the things I have tried to teach is kind-

ness to animals. When the children were served with their ice-cream and cookies, they gave a portion of theirs to their new dumb friends. The puppy seemed to vanish as mysteriously as he arrived, after his meal, but the kitten has made its home at the Rectory. All the Christmas parties passed off well. When one thought of all the labor entailed, not only for the Rector, but his willing helpers, and then of the joy it brought to the children, it was more than worth while.

I see, from the newspapers, accounts of the work of some of the Honolulu churches and I thought readers of the Chronicle may be interested to know the following facts: All our Churches in this parish are free from debt, and have a little money in hand. At S. Augustine's Church, Kohala, in 1913, 142 communicated, in 1923, 142. communicated, in 1927, 272 communicated. The Conference held here last September, accounts for the big increase, but not including the Conference period, I find 169 communicated. At S. Paul's Makapala, during the year 1927, 324 communicated, and at that Mission they have only 24 communicants.

On Saturday, January 21st, S. Augustine's Guild held a bridge party, which was most successful on the financial side, about \$55 being added to their funds; on the social side, a very pleasant evening. They plan to have their Sale-of-Work just after Lent.

The members of S. Paul's Church were delighted with the lovely Christmas gift sent through Fr. Ottmann by the members of S. Mark's Mission. The burse and veil were used on Christmas Day. This gift has been greatly admired and much appreciated. To all at S. Mark's who had any share in this gift, we offer our sincere thanks.

During the year 1927 we lost our dear friend and life-long supporter, Mrs. Howard R. Bryant.

It was nice to have so many of the Clergy here for their Conference, and judging from letters received, they had an excellent conference. During the year, sickness took Mrs. Walker down to Honolulu twice for operations, spending, in all, three months there. It was unfortunate that she was away during the Conference.

It was a great pleasure to have Mrs. Patten and her two daughters, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Rich, in Kohala for a visit, also Mr. and Mrs. Atkins-Wight.

When we think of what has been done, we are but touching the fringe. A business running on the same lines as we have to do our work, would be bankrupt in less than six months.

STEPS TAKEN TOWARD NEW CHURCH, WEST KAUAI

On December 13th the Kekaha Mission Board meet at the home of the priest-in-charge and the results were most satisfactory and encouraging.

On invitation Mr. W. O. Crowell was present and under the head of new business Mr. Crowell proposed and started a building fund for West Kauai with the sum of \$200.00. A committee was appointed to secure a desirable lot upon which to build the proposed Chapel. The following morning, at 9:00, that committee selected the lot and I wrote the Bishop as to what we had done and asked for his approval and cooperation. We hope to see an attractive Episcopal Chapel on West Kauai sometime in the near future.

J. L. M.

Two lessons, Isaiah 58:1-13 and St. Mark 10:13-32, are suggested as being appropriate for Social Service Sunday.

PAAUILO AND PAPAALOA MISSIONS, HAWAII

Rev. W. A. MacClean, Priest-in-Charge

Paauiilo and Papaaloo take credit in "owing no man anything but to love one another." Their full missionary and Convocation apportionments have been paid, and Papaaloo has also done its full share in paying the Pension Fund assessments.

Paauiilo during the year has suffered the loss of several families, among them four Episcopalians, but new families are taking their places, and while these changes have a disturbing effect, it is hoped that before long things will be normal.

A class of instruction in Christian essentials has been formed among the young people in Papaaloo. The class meets every other Sunday an hour before the evening service. There are five in the class, and it is hoped that several, if not all, will be confirmed.

The Paauiilo Japanese mission has been fortunate in securing the assistance of Mr. R. Nogai Torii, fifth grade teacher at the public school. Mr. Torii is from Hilo, and last year instructed the High School class at the Waiakea settlement. He has offered to assist in the calling among the Japanese people. He will have charge of the instruction of the older children on the Sunday that Mr. MacClean is in Papaaloo, while Mrs. MacClean will have those of kindergarten age.

The mission building has just received a new covering of roofing paper and looks very fine with its shining black top. The Paauiilo plantation manager, Mr. R. M. Lindsay, together with the Bishop, are to be thanked for this improvement.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, KAIMUKI

Rev. Elmer S. Freeman, Priest-in-Charge

The annual parish meeting, held January 17th, was, as usual, most successful and enjoyable. Mr. L. B. Reeves acted as toastmaster at the dinner, calling upon various members of the congregation for imprompt remarks. Before and after the business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fisher, assisted by Mrs. Arledge and Mrs. Sutherland, rendered a most enjoyable program of music and recitations.

The reports of all organizations, in mimeographed form, were put in the hands of the people present. All reports were encouraging, telling of the substantial accomplishments of the year in all fields, and all except one showing credit balances in the bank. Messrs. Lewis B. Reeves and Robert Frazer were elected to fill the two places vacated on the vestry by the retirement, by rotation, of Mr. Frank L. James and Mr. Robert S. Mowry. Mr. H. C. Hill and Mr. Cuthbert Row were chosen delegates to Convocation, with Messrs. Gordon C. Ross and Bert G. Covell as alternates.

The preparation and serving of the dinner, as in former years, was most successfully carried out by the women of the Guild, with Mrs. Bergstrom as chairman of the committee of arrangements. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to them by the meeting.

The evening concluded with dancing and cards.

IOLANI SCHOOL

Rev. T. R. Hinckley, Principal

Since coming to the new site we have been most fortunate in having many good speakers at the chapel services at 8:45. The students respond most heartily in the service and the attendance

is always good. The Rev. Mr. Kieb, who has had charge of the altar and its furnishings has made it most effective and beautiful, and we are now waiting for the final gifts of ornaments to arrive from England, when the chapel will be dedicated and the sanctuary open for the daily service.

Through the generosity of a friend of the Church, money has been given for an athletic field. The site will be the school property bordering on Nuuanu stream. It will be over four hundred feet long and wide enough for most of the athletic sports which our boys play.

On the evening of February 21st the Alumni Association expects to hold a dance at the Outrigger Canoe Club. A large number of tickets are expected to be sold and a substantial profit netted.

Three hundred ten students have enrolled since September. By nationalities they are: Chinese, 136; Japanese, 122; Part-Hawaiian, 29; Korean, 9; Anglo-Saxon, 6; Portugese, 5; Filipino, 2; Russian, 1.

“Character is not measured by deeds and words alone. It would be comparatively easy to gain a strong and clean character, if that were only a question of the control we could exercise over what we say and do. Every man ought to know that his attainments in character are measured by what he is when he is alone with his thoughts. To what does his mind turn when not bent upon the daily work? Does he cherish thoughts that would ruin him if expressed? Does he have a subtle enjoyment, a secret pleasure, in seeing or hearing what he would not wish to disclose to his most respected friends? Character is as deep as the man himself, alone and unchallenged by the opinions of others.”

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NOTES

Since the last publication of this paper the Executive Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary has met twice. In January it had its Corporate Communion at Epiphany Church, the Rev. Elmer S. Freeman acting as celebrant. Following this service the business meeting was held in the Rectory. The February meeting opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion in Trinity Church. Bishop McKim read the service in Japanese, assisted by the Rev. P. T. Fukao. In order to help pay off the debt on the Parish House at Makapala, Hawaii, a series of lectures on the history of the opera is being given at the home of Mrs. F. J. Lowrey, Nuuanu Valley. At the first lecture on January 19th, Mrs. Robbins Anderson read a most interesting and instructive paper on early operatic music. During the last half hour Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. James Dickson, accompanied by Mr. Verne Thompson sang the principal arias, including a very beautiful duet, from the opera "Orpheus" by Gluck. This musical morning was such a great success that every one is looking forward with keen anticipation to the remaining lectures of the course.

As this is the last year of the Triennial it is time for all the Branches to think seriously of the United Thank Offering. We hope to make the offering in Washington next October the largest that has ever been sent from Hawaii. As its object is to further the work of women missionaries this effort must appeal to every woman.

We are glad to welcome this month Miss Elizabeth Matthews and her mother, sister and mother of our beloved Sister Olivia. Miss Matthews is to be the presiding officer of the Woman's Auxiliary at the general convention and we all hope to hear something of her plans.

A special diocesan meeting to welcome Miss Matthews was held on Wednesday, February 15 at 3 p. m. at Iolani School. Mrs. Von Holt acted as hostess.

The usual Lenten box work of this District will be done at St. Andrew's Parish House on the Fridays during Lent from nine till three, with lunch served by the different Branches. In order to accomplish this work a large attendance from all our Church women is necessary. The box will furnish clothing for two of our Mission schools in the Philippines.

On February 24th, the first Friday in Lent, the World Day of Prayer for Missions will be held at the Cathedral at 2:30 p. m. This is interdenominational and the women of Central Union, the Christian and the Methodist Churches will join with us in the service.

Florence H. Judd,
Educational Secretary.

THE VALUE OF LIMITATIONS

If only it were not so difficult; if only the temptations were not so hampering; if only I could get freer from my limitations, how much higher the soul would rise! Are you quite sure? Have you ever seen a kite with a broken string? It is released from the strain that held it to earth, but it does not soar higher and higher; it comes down, broken, battered, to the earth. The very restraining pull of the string that bound it to earth was one element in its flight. Some of us know it is equally true that the tug and strain of the flesh is one element in the uplift of the soul towards God.—W. Charter Piggott.

For Christ's sweet sake, come give us that argument against which the cleverest skeptic remains silent—a life led under the life of Christ.—Dr. J. H. Eccleston.

A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY

Twelve years ago, in response to most earnest appeals sent through the State Department from the American Ambassador in Constantinople, a small group of men gathered in the office of Cleveland H. Dodge of New York City and organized a committee which eventually came to be known as Near East Relief and was chartered by special act of Congress to appeal for and send relief to the stricken peoples of the Near East. To distribute this relief to the homeless people scattered over a region extending from Greece to the Caucasus Mountains and from Constantinople to Jerusalem more than a thousand relief workers have given their services, some for a short period, others for the entire period of twelve years. A number have laid down their lives in this humanitarian service.

Among the more than a million people whose lives have been saved, a disproportionately large number are children, many of whom have already gone from the orphanages to earn their own livelihood, and not a few to make a very worthwhile contribution to the life of the lands that have offered them shelter.

But among the children gathered in during the years of continuous warfare many were but babes. These must still be cared for by the friends of little children who have made it possible for them to have food and shelter and care to the present time.

At the recent annual meeting of the Trustees of Near East Relief it was voted and approved by leaders in the denominations represented, to ask the public for a fund sufficient to care for all the children in its orphanages and in subsidized homes until they reach the age of sixteen. The number of children multiplied by the total number of years each must be supported and

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

On January 26th a 'Reunion' was held at the home of Mrs. von Holt, President, at which seventeen members, and our three Associates were present. Mr. Cho accompanied representatives of the Korean group, that he might interpret for them, and report at St. Luke's to those absent. The president opened the meeting with prayer, and spoke of the world-wide influence of the Mothers' Union, and of our share in it. Miss Marie Von Holt's splendid account of the Jubilee services in London was read, and pictures of interest passed round. After a brief report of our services and increased membership Canon Ault closed with devotions and a blessing.

Refreshments were served by our hostess and those present reminded of the service on February 2nd on the feast of the Purification. Three members were admitted to the Mothers' Union by Bishop La Mothe, after the 10 a. m. service in the Cathedral. March 18 is observed throughout the Church of England as Mothering Sunday, an ancient custom to revive. March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation is the great Annual Festival of the Mothers' Union. It is hoped every member will join in services on that day. Many dioceses are arranging a day of Prayer and Thanksgiving on Monday, March 26. Mothers' Union members in the Islands are reminded that this is the date when annual dues should be paid.

trained amounts to 28,600 "child years," and the sum needed for this purpose, plus a contribution to aid the refugees to settle on farms, makes a total of \$6,000,000. When this goal is reached the general appeals from the organization which during the twelve years of its existence has saved a million lives, will cease.

DECREASE IN BUDGET QUOTAS

The reports so far received from the dioceses as to what they expect to pay on their budget quotas for 1928 indicate a decrease as compared with 1927 of about \$150,000. At its first meeting in 1927, the National Council was compelled to reduce appropriations \$254,313. From the figures now in hand, the Council at its meeting to be held February 8, will be compelled to cut appropriations to the amount of \$400,000 in order to comply with the orders issued by General Convention in the adoption of the Pay-As-You-Go plan.

In the hope that this situation may be improved prior to the meeting of the Council, the Presiding Bishop has written or telegraphed the Bishop of each diocese which has told us to expect less than its budget quota figure, urging them to use all possible efforts to supplement the report already made and thus preserve missionary work which must otherwise be sacrificed.

To the Missionary Bishops in the Domestic Field telegrams have been sent warning them of a pending reduction of ten per cent in their appropriations. To the foreign field cables have gone indicating that the cut must be equal to six per cent of their budget appropriations. When it is realized that a large proportion of the budget of these Missionary Bishops is for salaries of missionaries, that these salaries are based on the minimum cost of living and, therefore, cannot be reduced, it is evident that the reductions in appropriations for work other than salaries must be far greater than the percentages indicated. The officers of the Council will recommend, of course, that the first cut, and probably in the largest percentage, will be made in the expenditure at the Church Missions House.

In contrast with this somewhat gloo-

DEATH AND LIFE

Sleep is not death, only like it. We say,
One wakes from sleep; but wakes not
one from death?

Once born to Life we cannot die. The
breath

God gives to us is to Eternity.

There is a Life beyond what men call
life;

This earthly flesh seems firm and
strong, but seems,

Not is—the grave proves that. Our
very dreams

Deceive us; for we think their joy and
strife

Are real—until we wake; then we know
all.

The ladder Jacob saw we climb each
day;

Each step we take brings Heaven near.
How small,

How stupid is the cry of those who say,
Life ends where it began. Ah! Life
is Love,

And Love the all in all below, above!

HORACE P. CHANDLER.

my outlook it is encouraging to learn that of the \$896,942, which the Council notified the Church must be paid in December on the budget quotas, there has been received about \$856,000, leaving a shortage of only \$40,000. The exact figure being subject to final adjustment. There is good reason to hope that this amount may have been saved by an equal reduction of expenditures and that the year 1927 can be closed without a deficit and without using any of the undesignated legacies. If this happy result is achieved our satisfaction must be tempered with the remembrance that at the beginning of the year 1927 there was a reduction of a quarter of a million dollars in appropriations.

A NOTE ON CHINA'S FUTURE

"It is marvelous that so much of the work has been kept going in this abnormal time," said the Rev. Dr. Arthur M. Sherman of Boone College, speaking in Florida recently, of the situation in China. "That it has been kept going is due, under God, to the fine body of Chinese clergy and Chinese Christian leaders and teachers. . .

"The present is a time of severe trial, but is no time for discouragement. . . We have faith to believe a new and better China will result, if the new China can be built upon spiritual foundations. Many of the new ideas now working in China are the indirect result of the Christian impact upon China; and coming in contact with the customs, prejudices and wrongs of thousands of years, it is not surprising that there should be a time of difficulty and painful readjustment.

"In the meantime the Chinese Church needs our help and sympathy more than ever. It has a wonderful possible future of opportunity and service. In the last analysis it is Christianity which is China's hope for a happy future. . .

"Some of the old methods of work may have to be given up, modified, or replaced by others. Some of the old avenues of approach may be closed. God, however, is not confined to any one or more methods. . . Our faith is in His power and love.

"Christianity in China faces the future hopefully, but it will need all our wisdom, faith and patience. It will need ample gifts of prayer, time, life and money. The present is difficult and much depends on how this situation is met by the Church; but with God's help and your continued loyal prayers and support, the Church there must win a place of leadership for the groping multitudes of that vast and awakening nation."

RELIGION IN THE LIFE

A judge of the Court of General Sessions in New York, evidently a Roman Catholic, made a strong plea for the establishment of schools wherein religious education would be imparted to some 10,000 children. He directed attention to the fact, "the unhappy fact," he called it, "that millions of American children were receiving no religious training whatever, either in the school or at home." He inquired what might be expected from these children when, within a few years, they would be exposed to the difficulties and temptations of actual life.

"Statistics tell us," he remarked, answering his own question, "that the great majority of those who are guilty of wrongdoing have had little or no religious instruction. My own experience," he added, "has shown me that fully ninety per cent of all offenders are men and women who were brought up without religious training.

"To paraphrase a remark of Washington, whatever may be conceded to the influence of culture or of natural virtue, experience should have taught us that, if the child is deprived of a religious training, it is idle to hope that he will become a useful or even a tolerable member of society." "America," in commenting on these remarks, says, "the chances are that he will become a menace. Secular education is not enough, for the simple reason that this so-called education is essentially defective. Man has a will as well as an intellect, a heart as well as a mind, and the training which looks to the intellect alone may easily result in the formation of an unusually clever scoundrel."

Thou lovest and Thou knowest, Lord,
 a fount of trust, that shall not cease,
 Be this blest thought in my tired heart,
 And keep it filled with peace.—Amy
 Parkinson.

IGNATIUS OR ANTIOCH

Ignatius was, according to Origen, the second bishop of the great city where the first Gentile Church was established by Barnabus and Saul, whence they were sent forth as missionaries and where believers were first called Christians. He was consecrated rather late in life, as we learn from Eusebius, and was together with Papias and Polycarp, a disciple of the Apostle St. John. He became bishop in 69 A. D., and thus his witness is of one who knew the times of the Apostles. He was condemned while in Antioch to be thrown to the wild beasts, but was sent to Rome for the execution of the horrible sentence, which was carried out.

On his way to Rome to suffer, Ignatius stopped awhile at Smyrna, where he was allowed to commune with his friend, Polycarp, bishop of that city. From Smyrna, he wrote four epistles, which are still extant; later he wrote three more from Troas, one of them being a personal letter to Polycarp.

For a long time, it was supposed that only three of these letters were genuine; but it is now conceded that there are seven genuine letters. The great conservative critic, Zahn, proved this, and his work was popularized in England by the famous Bishop Lightfoot.

These epistles are most valuable, of course, in themselves; but written as they are in the shadow of a stern martyrdom and by a man who had known St. John, they possess unusual evidential value. There should be no doubt on any fair-minded student, that in Ignatius' day episcopal government was universal. The New Testament was in existence and honored as God's Word, and the deity of Jesus Christ was unhesitatingly accepted. These letters cut the ground from under all the contention for the late writing of the gospels.

NOTES

The Church Army, which has been winning constantly increasing enthusiasm for its methods in eastern dioceses, opened a Church Army Training Center in Providence, R. I., on the Feast of the Epiphany, for the development of an American branch of the work. "Help us find candidates," says Captain Mountford, "keen young men who don't yet feel called to Holy Orders but still want a man's job in the Church."

A store building on the business street of Helper, Utah, has been rented and definite Church work in the Coal Camps has now begun under the leadership of the Rev. John Leacher. It is hoped and expected that this will be the center of a really strong work. Helper is the center of a whole group of Coal Camps which have been left under Episcopal Church direction by the Home Missions Council of Utah. Up to the present there has not been a single center for Church work in the whole section, except for the work of the Mormons.

The tenth anniversary of the liberation of Jerusalem was observed on December 9 with the customary State service in the Anglican Cathedral of St. George, in Jerusalem, attended by Field Marshal Lord Plumer, High Commissioner of Palestine, and his principal officials. The service was conducted in English, Arabic, Hebrew, Greek and Armenian, and both the Orthodox and the Armenian Patriarchs took part—*New York Times*.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Honolulu has given a set of Communion vessels to St. Margaret's School, Tokyo, which are now used in the temporary chapel of the school.

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St. Andrew's Haw'n. Cong.	500.00					52.50	
St. Peter's	525.00					29.25	
St. Clement's	300.00			24.90	24.90	52.50	
St. Elizabeth's	275.00					17.50	
Epiphany	225.00			34.69	34.69	17.50	
St. Mary's	125.00					7.00	
St. Mark's	100.00					6.00	
St. Luke's	125.00					11.75	\$11.75
Holy Trinity	150.00					11.75	
Good Shepherd	200.00					29.25	
Holy Innocent's	100.00			10.00	10.00	17.50	
St. John's, Kula	25.00					7.00	
Holy Apostle's, Hilo	200.00					22.25	
St. Augustine's, Kohala	100.00					11.75	
St. Augustine's, Korean	50.00					6.00	
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St. James', Kamuela	50.00					6.00	
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St. James', Papaaloa	35.00					6.00	
West Kauai Missions	60.00					6.00	
All Saints, Kapaa	100.00	\$15.00			15.00	10.00	
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And He will make it plain.

"I will follow the upward road today,
I will keep my face to the light,
I will think high thoughts as I go my way,

I will do what I know is right."

When we have the fear of God in our hearts there isn't any man living who can make us afraid.—Rev. Dr. Wm. Porkess.

"Reflecting on God leads to reflecting Him."

He who is willing to guide a child is preparing to lead a nation.

Souls are built as temples are,
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Up and on the temple goes;
Every fair thing finds a place,
Every hard thing lends a grace,
Every hand can make or mar,
For souls are built as temples are.

—The Civitan.

There is a fullness of the Spirit in Christ; and it is not like the fullness of a vessel, which only retains what is poured into it; but it is the fullness of a fountain, for diffusion and communication: which is always sending forth its water, yet is always full.

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