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The Paths of Peace

The birth of a baby in Bethlehem seemed of small significance to the rulers and the peoples of the ancient world. Yet almost two thousand years later, their empire has long since fallen into ruin while Christ lives as a vital power in the hearts and minds of millions of men and women of every race and clime. Here more than a parable is an historic fact to guide us through the perplexities of today. Truth, goodness, love, these are eternal realities because they are of God. Our generation can be led into the paths of peace as we as individuals kneel at the manger and thus find the secret of the good tidings of great joy which shall be to all men.

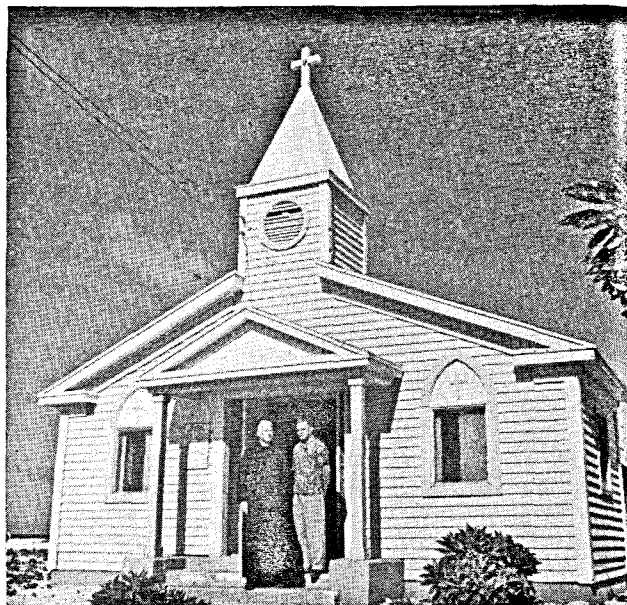
—Henry K. Sherrill, *Presiding Bishop*

To Present Hamlet

Mrs. Lewis B. Sheen is busy directing Shakespeare's "Hamlet" for presentation on December 29th, 30th, and 31st at Tenney Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$1.20 and \$1.80 each and may be purchased at this time.

The Rev. Lewis B. Sheen will take the part of Hamlet and will be supported by a very able cast.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sheen have undertaken this production as a means of raising money for the Church's work. We sincerely trust that our Church people will give this hearty cooperation, for we know how much effort and time has been given to it.



CORAL CHAPEL, WAKE ISLAND

The Rev. Frederick A. McDonald and "Doc" Richard Drews, ex-Navy corps man who operates the CAA dispensary (which also serves as a chapel for Wake's people).

Wake Island Visit

The Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy was given more territory for the exercise of his Apostolic Commission by our 1949 General Convention. Midway, Wake and Guam were added to his outlying fields besides American Samoa for which he already had a measure of responsibility. It is possible that Okinawa, a challenging area, may be added to his tasks, although it lies much closer to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Philippines.

Wake Island is one of the most isolated of all the small outcroppings of earth to be found in the vastness of the Pacific. 7070 airline miles west of Hawaii, it is nearest the Marshall Islands which lie southward by 480 miles. For years regarded only as uninhabitable and a hazard to navigation, with the advent of the Air Age it became an immensely important spot for both defense and commercial purposes. At present some 400 individuals are stationed on the island by the Civilian Aeronautic Authority. The Station Manager is the title of the highest Government Officer and this post is held by a loyal communicant of the Episcopal Church, Mr. Dudley Musson, whose father and brother are to be found among the clergy of the Diocese of Kentucky, and whose wife and son are frequent attenders of our St. Clement's services.

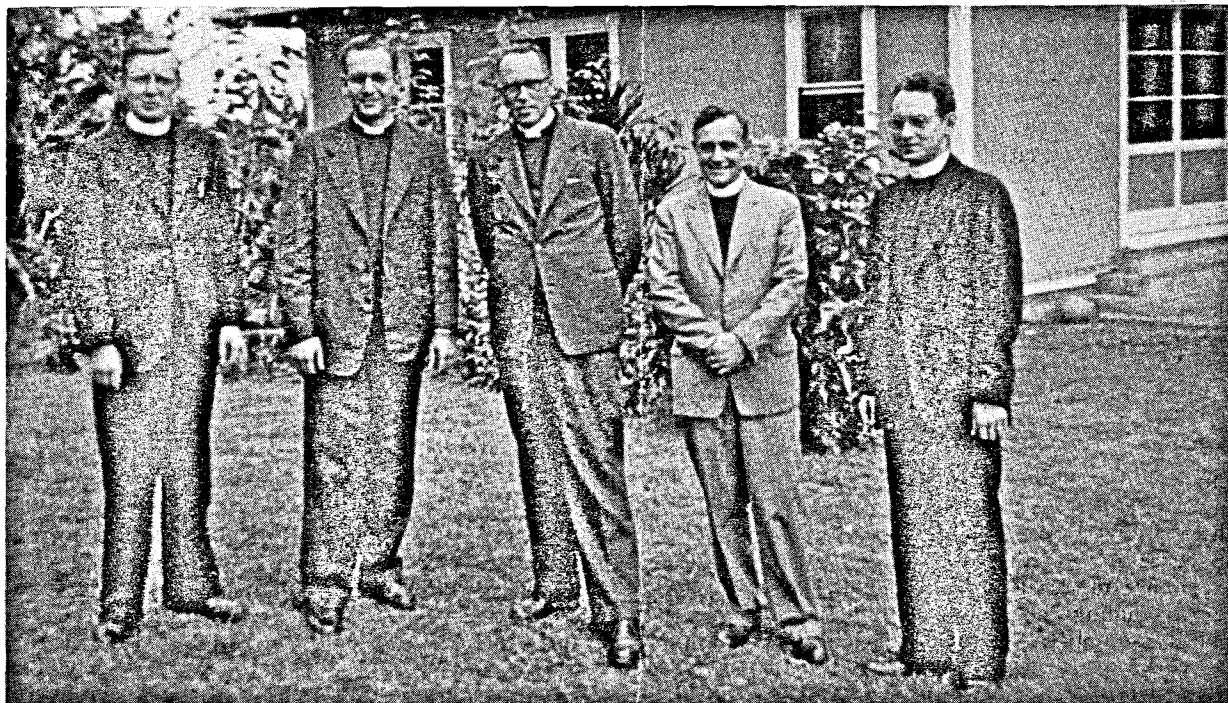
Christian work on Wake, since the Army and Navy turned the island back to civil control, is the result of the vision and hard work of Mr. Richard Drews, a communicant of St. Andrew's Cathedral. Sent out to be the Medical Technician earlier this year, Mr. Drews was saddened by the sight of the appealing little white quonset chapel littered and unkempt through the years of neglect and nonuse. Putting things to right and tidying up the area, he opened it with the happy cooperation of officials

to any religious group which might desire to make use of it. Soon a Roman Catholic priest was coming in once a month for Mass. Mr. Drews got a Sunday School organized which now numbers 18. He himself has been holding Sunday Services and has trained a choir from among the 42 Gilbert Islanders which is surely one of the most colorful and remarkable to be found anywhere in the Episcopal Church. Singing anthems in their own language and traditional musical form, disdaining the precise arrangements of choir pews as they get their heads together for their special harmonic requirements, they sing with trance-like enchantment which characterizes Marion Anderson when she sings a Negro Spiritual. When properly vested they wear white shirts with black flowing ties, and purple lava-lavas.

Bishop Kennedy expects to send a clergyman once a month to help strengthen and develop the work that Mr. Drews has so ably gotten underway. It was in accepting his invitation that your rector this last week was able to make the first of such visits. For him it was a memorable experience—the flight made with the agreeable company of C.A.A. personnel in a DC-4 . . . the brief stop at Midway with its brief opportunity to become acquainted with the aloof, imperturbable gooney bird . . . the surprise of finding Wake Island to be much more than a coral sand pit, but instead three quite lengthy islets, ringing a richly green and blue lagoon . . . the surprise of seeing so many relics of the heroic battle fought under

Major Devereau's determined and deadly direction in December of 1941 (ships rusting on the beaches, planes wrecked in the bushes, bomb craters everywhere, and the very extensive honeycomb of underground fortifications of the Japanese—I was given to understand that there were 10,000 underground chambers built by the Imperial Army of Japan) . . . the surprise of seeing a magnificent landing strip capable of serving the largest planes built, and the excitement of being the first plane to take off on this admirable engineering project which is not yet completely finished. Also I recall with joy what must be the world's most satisfying place—an abandoned stone causeway connecting Wake and Peale Islands, where in magical combination, the water and air temperatures, the sparkle of the luminous blue lagoon and white coral sand, the green Guanamanello bushes, the tropical fish swimming in the placid clear waters all about you—well, it would be hard to find a more relaxing kind of pleasure or a better location for it.

But most cheering was the awareness that among those who inhabit this strategic soil, which at no point arises more than a score of feet above the ocean, there are many who know that only through touch with Him who is the Creator of men and sole author of what peace and abundance in life we may have, that these individuals (and they are not a few, 48 coming to a Saturday evening service that had to be hastily announced) are eager to make the Chapel of the Coral a center of worship and a source for



CLERGY ON ISLAND OF HAWAII

The Rev. George W. Davison, Headmaster of Hawaii Episcopal Academy; The Rev. Robert Sheeran, St. Columba's, Paauilo; The Ven. Norman R. Altar, Archdeacon of Hawaii and Vicar of Holy Apostles Church, Hilo; The Rev. Harold W. Smith, St. Augustine's, Kohala; the Rev. Burton L. Linscott, Christ Church, Kealahakua. The clergy and their families have monthly gatherings and conferences.

a better Christian Witness.

Sunday morning I celebrated Holy Communion at 6 a.m. and we flew away at 7 a.m. When we arrived in Honolulu that night, it was, of course, Saturday, and the next morning I found myself going to Sunday services again. Even for a parson, I got the feeling the Sundays were coming around rather fast.

A curious note about our 6:00 a.m. Eucharist so close to the International Date Line is that it must have been one of the first observances of Advent Sunday, and certainly first of those observances of the Men's Corporate Communion in the Protestant Episcopal Church. Then returning by plane to Hawaii to our St. Clement's service—this must have been one of the last observances for the day. It sounds like the Alpha and Omega of Advent Sunday.

—The Reverend Frederick A. McDonald

Ordination Service

The Rev. Claude Francis Du Teil, Vicar of St. Stephen's Mission, Wahiawa, will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, December 10th, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Stephen's Church. He will be ordained by the Bishop. Preacher will be the Rev. Canon Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr.; Litanist, the Reverend Richard M. Trelease, Jr.; Presentor, the Rev. C. Fletcher Howe. The Reverend Lewis B. Sheen will read the Epistle and the Reverend Wai On Shim will read the Gospel.

The Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Du Teil have made a great place for themselves in the hearts of their people at St. Stephen's, as well as in their community and diocese. On November 20th the Rev. Mr. Du Teil presented the largest class in the history of St. Stephen's for confirmation, having fourteen in the class.

Following his ordination, the members of St. Stephen's Church will honor the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. DuTeil at a luncheon. May we keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Prayer Changes Things

The strength of Christian friendship was most evident recently when one of our young girls at Cluett House became deperately ill. She was given 18 blood transfusions in two days. The plea for plasma was met by our Church men and women—all eager to do something to help. She was in the prayers at our altars and in our private devotions. As we write this article she is improving, after having undergone a very serious operation. "When two or three are gathered together in My Name." It is a great source of strength to those of us who share in such an experience to see again and again the great power of prayer in guiding the doctors and nurses who minister to such desperately sick patients to a fulfillment of their healing gifts.



Our Episcopal Conference Center Chapel

Annual Woman's Auxiliary Day

November 26th marked an important occasion on the year's calendar when the Chapel at Mokuleia was dedicated by the Bishop. The clergy of Oahu were participants in the service. About a hundred and seventy-five were in attendance.

The Bishop commended the Diocesan Laymen's League for the tremendous amount of work that had gone into the making of the chapel. It was their project, under the direction of Mr. Richard Ching, and is a beautiful addition to the Conference Center.

Following the service of dedication the Bishop spoke on General Convention. This was followed by a talk by the Rev. G. G. Nakayama, who told of his work with the Japanese in Canada. It was most interesting.

Mr. William Thaanum gave one of his usual enlightening and delightful talks on Church music. It is always a great pleasure to have him teach us more about our hymns and how to sing them.

In the afternoon Bishop Yashiro spoke to the group, giving us more of a picture of our Christian friends in Japan. It was a rare occasion for us to have him for this program. We feel we had gained much from this experience.

The Laymen's League furnished punch, coffee, tea, and ice cream for this day at Mokuleia.

Archbishop Praises Canada and US

York, England—Upon his return from Canada and the United States, the Archbishop of York gave as his outstanding impression of his trip, "the tremendous vitality of Canada and the United States.

"There is no doubt that both countries have a great future. Their resources seem unlimited," the Archbishop said. "The kindness and hospitality have no limit in both countries. Meals are almost intimidating to those accustomed to the meagre rations of England.

"I was asked many questions about the welfare State, and I had to explain that in principle it is now accepted by all our parties, that it gives a sense of security to millions, and is a rampart against the spread of Communism."

COVER PICTURE: Adoration of the Kings, by Quentin Massys. Courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

A New Work Is Born

It is with a real sense of pride we print this statement about the new work at Waimanalo, under the direction of the Rev. Richard M. Trelease, Jr., for it is a growing work after a few short weeks. It has been started under the name of St. Matthew's Community Church, for we hope that we may serve many in this community who desire the ministrations of the Church. It is a family service, and the children leave before the sermon for their Sunday School classes. There have been over sixty in attendance since the services started.

Mr. Joseph Dwight is in charge of the Sunday School and has done much to lay the foundations for a growing Church. We wish to express appreciation for all he has done to help with this project. The Rev. Richard M. Trelease, Jr., had the following article in his weekly Bulletin:

We are convinced that Sunday, Nov. 20th, was a great day! Not just because the Canvass report is so fine, but because a new congregation met for the first time in Waimanalo at the Bellows Field Army Chapel. Sixty-three were present including adults and children. After the service a brief meeting was held and the unanimous expression of the group was: a Family Service each and every Sunday. Thus was the Community Church launched. We especially thank all those who worked in getting things ready for the service, cleaning, repairing, pulling weeds, etc., and those who by their word of mouth canvass made the congregation so fine. This Family Service at 9 a.m. *each* Sunday is NOT JUST for children, but for adults as well. It is a complete service, the children leaving in the middle for their classes and the adults remaining for the balance of the service. All people in the Waimanalo area who are interested are invited.

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Two new youth groups are under way at St. Christopher's. The Gra-Y Boys Club 8-12, meets at the church Wednesday at 3 under the leadership of Mr. Harry Hutaff. The YPF for girls and boys 13 and over, Sunday at 6 p.m.

—From St. Christopher's Bulletin

Theological Seminary Now Offers Courses By Correspondence

Philadelphia—Correspondence school courses are being offered by the Philadelphia Divinity School of the Episcopal Church for the first time.

The mail courses are planned by the Rev. Dr. Frank Gifford, Dean of the school, as "a distinctive service to busy clergy and to those in isolated places who want to keep up the theological studies."

No formal credits will be given. Those who enroll can buy or borrow books from the seminary library, and send in sermons for criticism and suggestions.

Courses offered are: Prophets of the Old Testament, Literature of the Old Testament, New Views of New Testament Theology, the Christian Doctrine of the Church, the Church of England in the 20th Century, Public Speaking and Preaching, Pastoral Care and Personal Counseling.



The Most Rev. Michael Hinsuke Yashiro

Distinguished Guest In Honolulu

The Most Reverend Michael Hinsuke Yashiro, Presiding Bishop of Japan, was in Honolulu from November 26th to 30th. He was returning from attending General Convention and a tour of some of the states on the mainland and parts of Canada. Before returning to Japan he will visit Manila and Bangkok, Siam.

While in Honolulu he was guest at our Diocesan House and spoke to the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary on their Annual Woman's Day at our Episcopal Conference Center, Mokuleia. The following day he preached at Good Samaritan Church, Holy Trinity Church, at a service in Japanese at the Cathedral in the afternoon and a Diocesan service in the Cathedral that night. He was guest of honor at a reception following the afternoon and evening services at the Cathedral. The women of Good Samaritan and Holy Trinity Church were in charge of arrangements for these receptions.

On Monday he spoke at the Chapel Service for the boys in the lower school of Iolani and was guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Ministerial Alliance of Japanese clergy.

On Tuesday he went to the Island of Kauai, accompanied by the Rev. Lawrence Ozaki, and spoke to our clergy and church people on this Island. He was particularly interested in visiting Kauai because of his friendship with the Rev. Paul Savanack, whom he had known in Japan, when the latter was serving as an army chaplain during World War II.

It was a great privilege to have him in Honolulu to tell us of his work in Japan. His face is a magnificent example of the radiance that comes from a life devoutly dedicated to serving his Master. His message, as he speaks to those of other races, should make for a real spirit of brotherhood. Peace can come on earth among men of all races, if they but live the life of a man like this.



SISTER LUCY CARITAS

Sister Lucy succeeds the late Sister Rhoda as principal of St. Andrew's Priory. She is doing a splendid work in the short weeks she has been in charge, and we are confident her good influence will be felt as the year progresses.

Observes 85th Birthday

Mr. T. J. Hollander, former Diocesan Treasurer, and better known to us as "Saint John Hollander"—a name given to him by The Rt. Rev. Stephen Keeler, when he was interim bishop of Honolulu—was the guest of honor at a birthday party given for him on his 85th birthday at the Diocesan House on November 14th. The Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy, the clergy and their wives, and our Church workers shared in this occasion with him. A gift of money was presented to him.

It was a great joy to honor him on this day, for he is one of the most beloved members of our Church family. He is most helpful in doing many things to relieve the Priory, the Bishop's Office, Cathedral, and Cluett House in errands that must be attended to. Each day can be said of him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." His life reflects the rich compensation of one who earnestly strives to follow in the Master's footsteps.

Okinawans Aid Fellows

Evidence of an increasing amount of self help within destitute countries is given in the report from Mr. Robert Smith, CWS Director in Okinawa.

"The Okinawa people living in Japan began a campaign early this year to send 10,000 gift packages (kimonos, cloth, needles, soap, tooth-powder in each packet) to Okinawan typhoon victims.

"It has been a tremendous undertaking for them, for these things come not from their abundance, but in the midst of a like need in Japan. This month we distributed 2,031 of these Japanese packs."

The Observance of Christmas

We Christians should consider seriously a statement made by an Oriental to one of our missionaries after a visit to the United States: "Why is it that after long years of association with Christ you Christians are so un-Christ-like?" What an indictment! Each one of us this Christmas-time should seek an answer if it applies to us. Annually we Christians observe the birthday of the Christ-child; we sing His praises and pray that He may come into our hearts and control our lives. Yet, after years of such observances we have made little, if any, progress toward being more Christ-like.

I read somewhere a statement to the effect that Christians have been inoculated so frequently with small doses of Christianity that they have failed to catch the real thing. There is a lot of truth in the statement. Too many of us have missed completely the real significance of being a Christian. If it means anything, it means a persistent effort to become more and more Christ-like. If we are not making this progress, our religion is chiefly a "vain thing." Have we become immune to real Christianity?

The first ride in a new car is always most exciting and thrilling. This feeling fades with each succeeding ride. Repetition takes the edge off things. This is true throughout life. I am afraid it is also true of Christmas. Year after year we go through the same routine and the same observances. In many ways the new gifts we give and receive are the only changes. Perhaps that is the reason why the "gift" side of Christmas is so dominant. We of the Christian Church must do all in our power to keep Christmas out of the dead routine of a repeated observance. If we continue in that, the rut will soon become a grave and the true Christmas will be buried. We can avoid this if we conscientiously turn our hearts and minds—and our imaginations—beforehand to the birthday of the Christ-child, and try to realize its significance in the light of another year of experience in living. Perhaps we have had many failures, many jolts, as well as much that has brought happiness. Perhaps we have a different conception of life and of the real needs of humanity. With this new setting Christmas should have a new meaning and with each succeeding year our need of the Christ should become more and more marked, and our appreciation of His Coming into human life more keenly felt. These things will never come to us unless we do devote some time to thought, prayer and meditation on the true significance of the birth of the Christ-child.

No matter what the world fails to do along these lines, we who are His disciples must consider these matters earnestly and must strive each year to find new ways of admitting Christ into our lives that we may, as the years go by, become more like Him.

—Granville Taylor

A friend is not so much one to whom you can go for help when you are in trouble. That has its value. But a friend is one to whom you can go when he is in trouble.

—L. O. Dawson; *Light Spots*
(Weatherford Printing Co.)

Canadian Priest Visits The Islands

A truly devout and humble servant of our Lord is the Reverend G. G. Nakayama, in charge of the Anglican Japanese Mission in Canada, who lives at Coaldale, Alberta, Canada. He stopped in Honolulu for ten days, as a guest at the Diocesan House, and spoke to many Church groups while here.

He had been asked by Bishop Yashiro to return to Japan to help with a preaching mission and took his savings from twenty-nine years to return on this mission, for Bishop Yashiro had no money to give him for this errand. "Our people are hungry for the message of Christ," he said, when commended for doing this, "and God has been good to me and will provide for me and my family. It is so little that I could do when the need is so great."

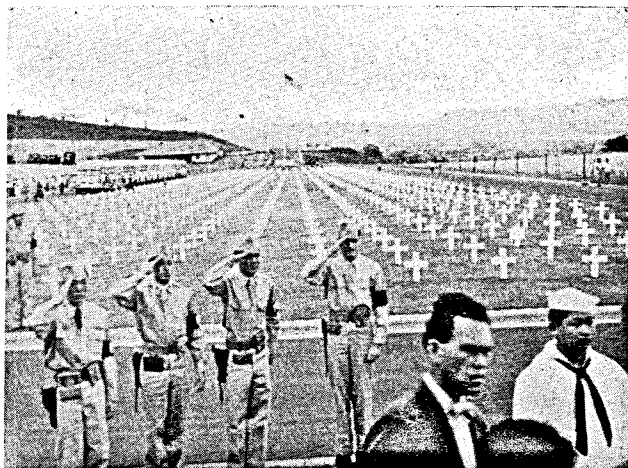
Here is a man who has felt the benefits of the influence of Our Lord in his life. He lamented the fact that much was made over a sacred Shinto shrine recently brought to Hawaii from Japan, for he said it was a backward step—not a forward step. In Japan people are eager for the message of Christ. They are neglecting their shrines and turning to our Church and others to lead them to a fuller life. If this were not true, a shrine such as the one brought here would never have been taken out of Japan. He believes we have a great field for evangelism and should strive diligently to bring the message of Christ to the many around us who are still non-Christian.

What a wonderful experience it would be for us if we could see our people coming from distances of eighty miles to pack our churches. He told of this experience—packing a church four times, where only one hundred and fifty could be seated at one time in the church where he was preaching. Those outside waited until the church had been cleared, then went in for a service. Even an Easter congregation would fail to reach such proportions in our land. We take too much for granted the privilege of being a Christian.

A salary of \$1400 a year to provide for a wife and children—still out of this he could save enough to go back to his people because they longed for the message of Christ! No hesitancy on the part of his wife and himself. Doing so much on so little should make some of us who have done so little with so much think seriously of what Christianity means to us. What sacrifices are we willing to make?

Reverend . . .

Call me "Brother" if you will
 Call me "Pastor" better still
 Though plain "Mister" fills the bill.
 If that title lacketh thrill,
 Even "Father" brings no chill.
 If D.D. the name append,
 Then "Doctor" doth some fitness lend.
 "Domine"—"Parson"—"Rector"—"Friend"—
 Titles almost without end—
 Never grate and ne'er offend:
 A loving ear to all I bend,
 But how that man my heart doth rend
 Who blithely calls me "REVEREND."



National Memorial Cemetery on top of Punchbowl, Honolulu, taken at memorial services on Armistice Day.

Episcopal Church Breaks Records

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America broke several records according to the Committee on the State of the Church of the General Convention.

The total number of Church members was reported as 2,293,389, a net increase of 8.3 per cent over three years ago. The communicants number 1,592,522, a net increase of 5.4 per cent.

While the number of *clergy* has not increased due to the virtual suspension of recruitment caused by the war, the number of postulants for its ministry is recorded as 1,014, the largest number for any one year in its history. Several theological seminaries are so crowded with students for the ministry that to their great regret they have had to ask many postulants to delay their entrance into the seminary for another year or more. Likewise, the number of *lay readers*, 5,125, exceeded that of any previous year, an increase of 1,321 or 34.7 per cent over the preceding triennium.

The record of baptisms and confirmations was also impressive. *Baptisms* are currently running over 90,000 per year, an increase of 25 per cent over the preceding triennium, and *confirmations* are running over 70,000 per year, an increase of 15.7 per cent.

Whereas during the war the Church schools suffered a decline in number and enrollment, the trend is now decidedly reversed and currently there are over 500,000 teachers and scholars in 5,107 schools. The number of scholars represents a net increase of 22.9 per cent, the number of teachers, 17.6 per cent; and the number of schools 4.1 per cent.

Whereas three years ago the total indebtedness of the Church was reported as less than \$8,000,000, increased borrowing for expansion and building indicates indebtedness of over \$11,000,000 at the present time, an increase of 41 per cent.

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About the time you're important enough to take two hours for lunch, the doctor limits you to a glass of milk.

—The Tattler



St. Andrew's Priory girls join the boys of Iolani when they cheer the Iolani football team.

Faculties And Clergy Entertained

The Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy entertained the faculties of Iolani School and St. Andrew's Priory at their home on November 9th. The young people who went to General Convention, put on their program presented on their tour of the West Coast for the entertainment of the guests.

The clergy and their wives were entertained for dinner on November 21st by the Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy.

Constitution and Canons, 1949 Edition

All changes made by the recent General Convention in the laws of the Church will be included in the 1949 edition of the Constitution and Canons scheduled for publication shortly before Christmas. The revised Canons go into effect January 1, 1950.

The book will appear in two bindings, the cloth bound edition priced at \$1.50, the paper edition at \$1. Orders may be placed now with the Secretary of the House of Deputies, 281 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y. When remittance accompanies an order the book will be shipped postpaid. Checks should be drawn to the order of Russell E. Dill, Treasurer.

Christmas Spirit . . .

We are acting in the real spirit of Christmas when we buy Christmas Seals. We are helping protect ourselves and others from tuberculosis when we buy these Seals, sole support of the tuberculosis association of Hawaii in its year-round program to stamp out TB.

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Put a Christmas Seal on every letter—Christmas Seals will make your Christmas better.

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The 43rd annual Christmas Seal Sale will be conducted from November 7 to December 25 to raise funds for the nationwide tuberculosis control and prevention programs of the 3,000 associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Cheaper by the Dozen has become a popular phrase. It also applies to *So, You're a Vestryman*. If you want enlightenment on your position as a vestryman or material for vestry discussions, this folder should be in the hands of every clergyman and vestryman. The price is fifty cents a single copy or five dollars a dozen. Order from the Book Store, 281 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

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Washington, D.C.—The College of Preachers and the National Council's Department of Christian Education inaugurated their combined clergy training plan with a week's conference on Christian education, this first conference bringing 27 younger clergy from 22 dioceses for a program of lectures, discussions and workshops on modern educational techniques.

The first conference is to be followed by four others in the autumn term, six in the winter term and six in the spring term, the series closing on June 3, 1950.

This is a part of a Churchwide effort on behalf of total education of all the people of every parish. In this series at the College of Preachers a different group of clergy will come each week. Later other conferences will be held in various parts of the country, so that ultimately it is hoped that every clergyman in the entire Church will have had this special intensive work in Christian education needs.

Dr. John Heuss, director of the National Council's Department of Christian Education, explained the developing plans for a new curriculum, but emphasized repeatedly that no matter how good such material may be, it alone will not constitute Christian education, which must bring as its product, a spiritual response, effective Christian living and active evangelism.

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Two tiny Communion vessels which first went to Japan 77 years ago started on their way back to that country on All Saints Day. The vessels, a silver chalice and paten, will be presented to Presiding Bishop Michael H. Yashiro of the Nippon Seikokwai at a missionary mass meeting at St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, Md. Once owned by the late Bishop John McKim, who for 42 years was in charge of the Missionary District of North Tokyo, the vessels were saved from a fire that destroyed the Japanese Episcopal headquarters. They were presented as a gift in 1930 to the Rev. Dr. G. Warfield Hobbs, a communicant of St. Anne's in recognition of his efforts to obtain funds for rebuilding. Dr. Hobbs decided this year that the vessels should go to the mission in Japan and proposed that they be presented to Bishop Yashiro, who came to this country recently to attend the General Convention in San Francisco.

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Reflecting action taken by General Convention, the diocese of New Jersey has approved a 1950 diocesan foundation budget of \$60,747.50 and a missionary quota budget of \$134,740.33. In addition, the diocese is to have a \$200,000 campaign next spring through which a

new building program will be started, and an increased diocesan quota for the general Church program will be raised. New Jersey deputies went to San Francisco prepared to oppose any material increase in the general Church budget which would not give priority to work in New Jersey. Inspired by the presentation of the Church's work in the modern world the deputies changed their minds and came home with a resolution to support a greater program of activity in New Jersey and throughout the world.

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Christ and St. Michael's, Germantown, Philadelphia parish, has notified Bishop Oliver J. Hart of Pennsylvania that, because of the action of General Convention in increasing the 1950 budget, it will increase its missionary giving from \$7,000 to \$10,000.

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New York—Because of the lack of time for proper preparation between General Convention's adoption of the 1950 increased budget and the dates of this fall's Every Member Canvass, parishes are asked to work for at least as much as their 1949 goals this fall and then prepare for a second campaign early in 1950. This second campaign, **ONE WORLD IN CHRIST**, will be climaxed on March 12, 1950, when Presiding Bishop Henry K. Sherrill will speak by radio to all the people of the Church as they are attending Sunday morning Church services all over the land, just as he did on February 29, 1948, on behalf of world relief. "When people know, they will respond," the General Convention said. Hence, the National Council is asking every parish and mission throughout the Church to devote the period from January 1 to March 12, 1950 to an educational program on different parts of the Church's work. "By doing the same thing in the same way, at the same time, we shall discover the great power which lies in a Church united in a common cause."

In January the study theme is to be *Our Work Overseas*; in February, *Our Work at Home* and in the first part of March, *Our Work in Christian Education*.

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"I speak soberly and advisedly when I say that we face a crisis in our educational mission. The odds against us in terms of our educational feebleness and of the powerful forces in the world shaping the minds and hearts of our children and our people are, humanly speaking, overwhelming. But God is on our side. We are concerned with the claims of God made known to us in Christ—no, not first with His *claim* upon us, but with His outreaching will to make Himself known, to strengthen and heal and redeem. We are concerned first with Him and the needs of His people, young and old, for what He alone can give. What a judgment upon us, if we, with all our boasted freedom, through lethargy and misplaced values and confusion of purpose, fail to pass on the best truth God has revealed to men!"

—Bishop Angus Dun

Nobody ever got indigestion eating humble pie.

—*Belfast News-letter*

Eloquence is saying the proper thing and stopping.

—*Stanley Link, for Ching Chow*



"But Above All . . ."

By the Rt. Rev. Malcolm Endicott Peabody, D.D.
Bishop of Central New York

How would you express yourself if you had something of infinite importance to tell the world and if you could say it only once? Would you ask all the factory whistles to blow to command attention? Would you purchase a world-wide "hook-up?" Would you ask kings and rulers, clergymen, teachers, and writers to listen and repeat it?

God once had a word to say. He wanted everyone to hear It and to act upon It, but He made no noise about It. He did not enlist the aid of the great and powerful. He simply sent a Baby into a humble home. Hardly anyone realized at first what God had done, but the World ever since upon the Baby's birthday pauses in recollection. It may ignore Christmas. It can never forget Him.

Has God a word that He wants everyone to hear and act upon this year? If he has, it will be heard by Christian men and women who will spend some time at Christmas-tide upon their knees, gazing upon a rude, domestic scene and repeating in devoted adoration some such simple words as these:

"A great and mighty Wonder
Today on earth is done;
Behold a Virgin Mother
Brings forth God's only Son."

Courage . . .

Bite off more than you can chew,
Then chew it.
Plan for more than you can do,
Then do it.

Point your arrow at a star,
Take good aim, and there you are.

Arrange more time than you can spare,
Then spare it.
Take on more than you can bear,
Then bear it.

Plan your castle in the air,
Then build a ship to take you there.
—Cleveland Compass.

Then You Can Keep Christmas

By Henry Van Dyke

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and to try and look behind their faces and their hearts, hungry for joy; and to admit that probably the only good reason for your existence is not of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

How Much Shall I Give?

By Earle G. Lier

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If I were a member of the Roman Catholic Church or the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, commonly called Mormons, the answer to this question would be relatively simple. I would merely be told my share and would be expected to give that amount.

A char-woman, a Roman Catholic who lives near by, and who has jobs of cleaning at 50c per hour, found that her share last year was three hundred dollars, which she paid. When a building project arose, she was asked an additional fifty dollars, which she gave. This is addition to the twenty-five cents she was obliged to pay for her pew every Sunday. Three hundred and sixty-two dollars was her share last year excepting the further cost of intentional masses.

If I were a Mormon, the local bishop would send me a statement of my indebtedness to the church (ten per cent of income) which I must pay or be known as a Jack-Mormon, a term of derogation.

We Episcopalians would not fare so well should we attempt the above procedure. We are far too used to deciding matters of this sort by ourselves. However, we do have the advice of the Federal Government these days, to aid us in our decision as to how much we should give. We are informed by the Department of Internal Revenue that we may deduct as exemption, ten per cent of our income if that amount is given to the church or other charitable organizations.

All of us are aware of our obligation to support the Red Cross, the Cancer Fund, the Community Chest, etc. There is a sense in which such gifts are made to God. But the Church must receive its fair share.

A neighboring parish has, through its Every Member Canvass officials, recommended that in arriving at an amount to be given to the Church, half be given to charitable organizations and half to the Church. A very good solution, we think. If every member of the Church were to give one-twentieth of his income to that portion of the Kingdom of God which is our responsibility, we would do well—this and every year.

COMMUNISM

*Statement Adopted By The House
Of Bishops At General Convention*

The real war today is between two groups of nations based on opposite systems. It is not only a diplomatic war. It is also an economic, a political and a religious war, involving not only what men do as voters and how they earn their livings, but also how they believe and in what they believe. Consequently it is a war within each nation as well as between nations. And, therefore, we must be eternally vigilant within our own nation lest we be more totalitarian than the totalitarians in our defense of what we prize so greatly in the name of "freedom."

Americans must, for example, guard against deifying the individual as the supreme value because other nations deify the State. Neither position is in accord with Christian faith. The final end in life is neither the individual in a vacuum nor the collectivised State; it is God, Whose will is love, and Who, because of His life, created us as individuals and in the same instant created us members of a community. In any community where the individual is the unbridled master, social conflict, economic disorder and racial discrimination follow. And in turn these failures invite the opposite extreme, where individual liberty becomes a crime.

This is by no means to say: "a plague on both your houses." Individualism and collectivism are not equally bad, nor indeed mutually exclusive. But, just as truly as an excess of collectivism leads to tyranny, so does selfish individualism. Granted that it makes room for spontaneity and spiritual freedom, it also encourages a kind of tyranny of its own, denying the needs and rights of minorities, and encouraging an anarchy in industrial and social life which tends to make collectivism an inevitable sequel. In a free society you cannot prevent men moving toward collective action in the search for justice and meaning for their lives. Collectivism has following from the disorder and injustice in individualism as the whirlwind follows the wind. We have seen it in nation after nation. And the answer to it is not to be found simply in defensive alliances against it, particularly if other totalitarian states are among the allies.

The answer to Russia will be found only in new forms of social organization and new ways to social justice. One of the most encouraging steps in this direction has been the support the United States has given, through the Marshall Plan, to the attempts of European nations to find that creative answer. We pray and work for even more of this support. But let us take care that we do not label as "reasonable Communism" any longing for justice, which should be our own primary concern as Christian citizens. Let Russia call our hunger for spiritual freedom "Capitalist imperialism" or what she will. Russia is not our master; and the answer to her attack is not panic, or any other form of despotism; the answer is to be found only in a more Christian society in which individuals can come more fully to their mature development as members of the community and share alike in its responsibilities and its privileges.

The Origin of Christmas

By the Rev. E. H. Eckel, Jr.
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Apparently, the primitive Church did not observe Christmas. It was more concerned with the public ministry of our Lord, beginning with His Baptism and ending with His Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. St. Luke, who tells us the Christmas story in greatest detail, gives us no hint as to the time of year that Christ was born.

There was no authentic tradition in the early Church as to the actual date of our Lord's Nativity. Of course St. Mary knew the actual birthday of Christ, and so did St. Joseph. But St. Joseph died before our Lord's public ministry began, and St. Mary kept the date of our Lord's birth among those things which she "pondered in her heart."

When, finally, Christian believers began to speculate about the time of Christ's Birth, two dates struggled for recognition. One of these was our present Festival of the Epiphany, January 6th, which originally commemorated both the Baptism of Christ and His coming in the flesh. The other date was the 25th of December, our Christmas. This Festival may have been in existence as early as the year 336, "but further back than that it cannot be traced." By the middle of that century it was formally set aside by the Church in Rome for the observance of the Birth of Christ and gradually its observance spread throughout Christendom.

Two motives seem to have been behind the creation of this Festival. The first was theological—to emphasize the Saviour's actual Birth in the flesh and to assert that

His Divinity, as well as His humanity, was as real in the manger as at any subsequent period of His life and ministry.

And, secondly, this particular date was chosen so as to supplant the pagan festival, the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun. December 25th is the day of the winter solstice when the sun, having reached its lowest point in the Heavens, begins to arise over the world of the Northern Hemisphere with renewed power and splendor. How appropriate that this day should be chosen to commemorate the Birthday of the True Light of the World, Christ the Sun of Righteousness risen with healing in his rays.

A Blue Box Prayer

Teach me to live my life the blue box way,
Alert, aware, from smug complacency free.
Meeting the miracle of each new day
With lifting heart of thankfulness to Thee
Because for me, that white high hour it brings,
That sudden radiance when beauty smiled,
That singing joy for tender human things,
Is but the Father speaking to His child.
Teach me to see Thy world the blue box way,
Until my hands would reach all hands in need,
Until my heart counts all men kin since they
Are of one fold, the sheep whom Thou wouldst feed.
As He who turned the water into wine.
At Cana's feast in far off Galilee,
Transform these humble loving gifts of mine
To helping, healing, lighting men to Thee.

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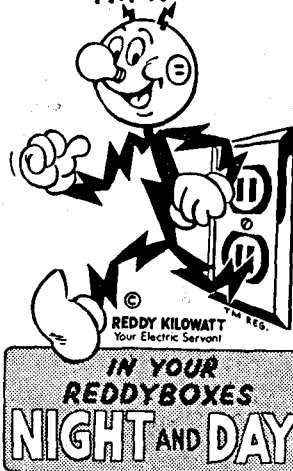


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