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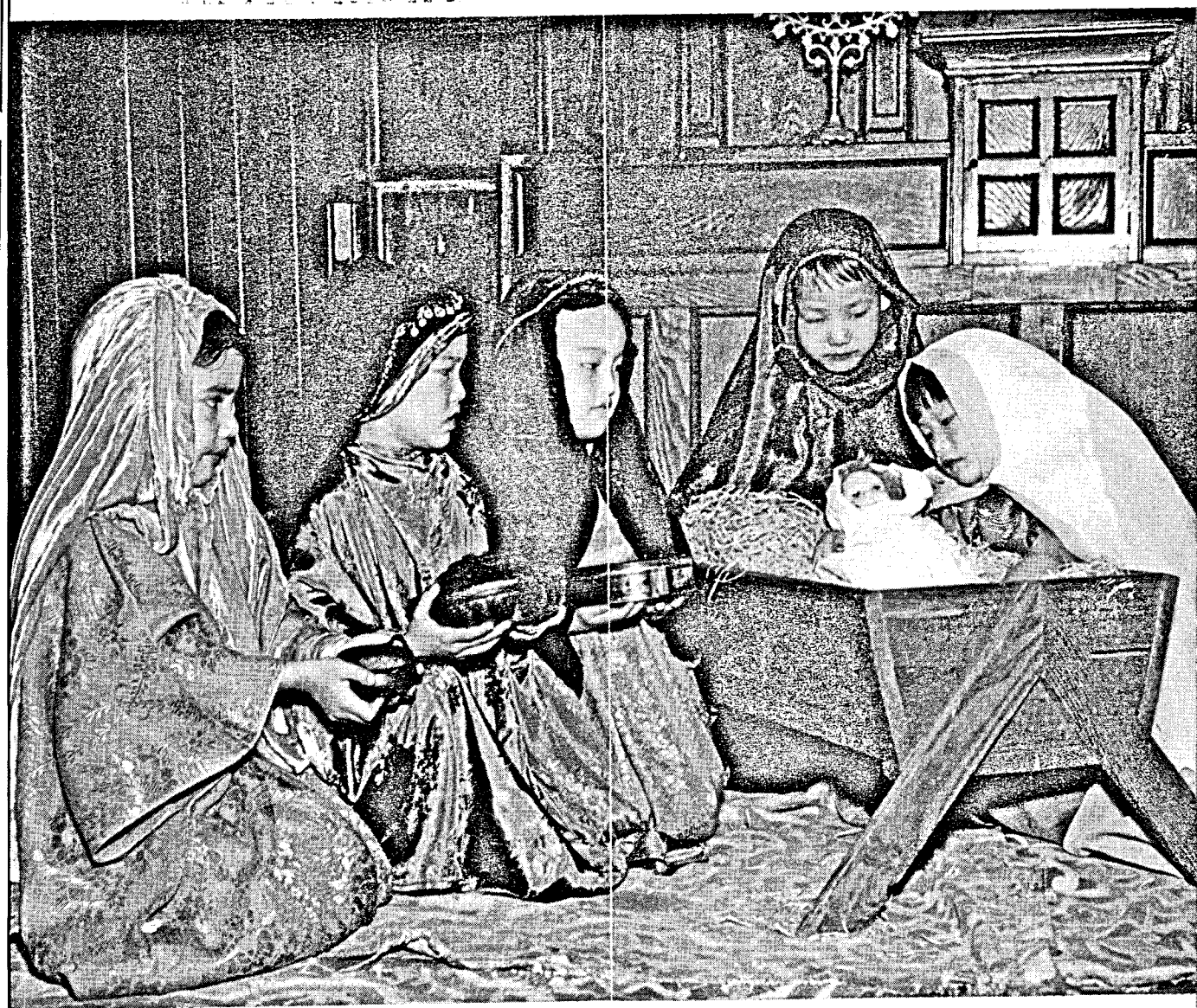
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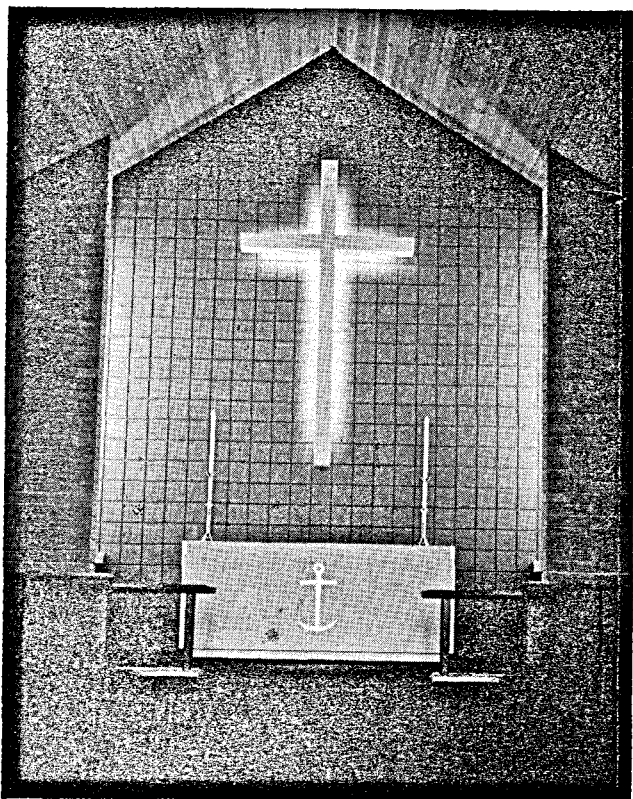
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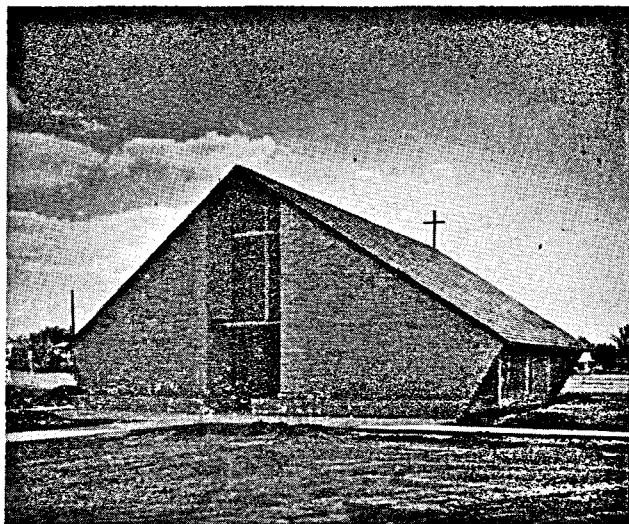
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"O, Come Let Us Adore Him"



The altar given by the Diocese of Southern Ohio in memory of one of its leading laymen, Harold D. Neill.



St. George's Church, Pearl Harbor.

St. George's Church, Pearl Harbor, Dedicated

An occasion memorable in the eyes of the Missionary District of Honolulu was the dedication of St. George's Church, Pearl Harbor, on Sunday, November 25th.

In addition to the service of dedication, a large class of young people and adults was presented to the Bishop for Confirmation.

This church will always hold a very important place in the memories of our delegates and guests to the 58th General Convention held in Honolulu in 1955, since it was they and our National Council who contributed substantially to its erection. The Rt. Rev. Dudley B. McNeil, Bishop of Western Michigan presented a resolution to the House of Bishops, in which the House of Deputies concurred, that an offering be taken at Convention to erect a church in "Grateful memory of all those who died in the Battle of Pearl Harbor." An appropriation from the Builders for Christ Fund was also received.

The service of dedication was conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Robert Sheeran, Vicar.

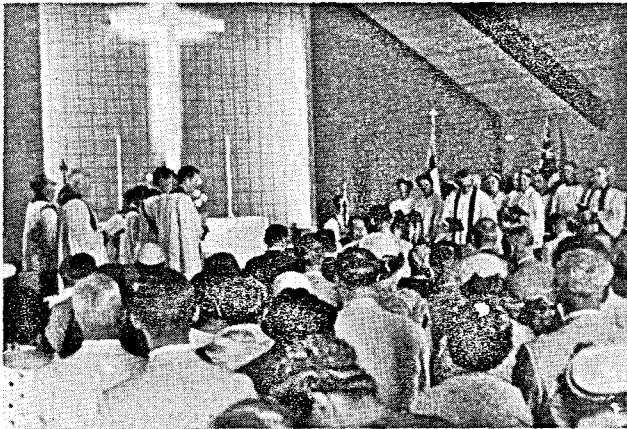
The Rev. Canon Frederick A. McDonald, Rector and Headmaster of Iolani School, preached an excellent sermon. The choir was directed by Mrs. Charles C. Gold. Mr. Walter Kau of St. Elizabeth's Church played the organ for the service.

The Altar

The beautiful stone altar is the gift of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, given in loving memory of one of their devoted laymen, Mr. Harold D. Neill. He was to have been a lay deputy to the 58th General Convention but died shortly before Convention met. The simplicity of the altar and the appointments adds to the beauty of the sanctuary. Superimposed on the front of the altar is a



The Rev. Robert Sheeran, Vicar of St. George's Church, reading greetings from Bishops and delegates of the 58th General Convention who gave toward erection of Chapel.



Twenty-one were confirmed at the Dedication Service of St. George's Church on November 25, 1956.

sizable "Anchor Cross" of highly polished steel. The metal for this cross came from the hull of the "Arizona" still resting in the mud of Pearl Harbor and serving as the sepulchre for more than a thousand men who died in the opening moments of the Battle of Pearl Harbor.

Other Gifts

Many memorials and gifts of thanksgiving were given by members and friends of St. George's congregation. These were received and blessed by the Bishop.

Greetings

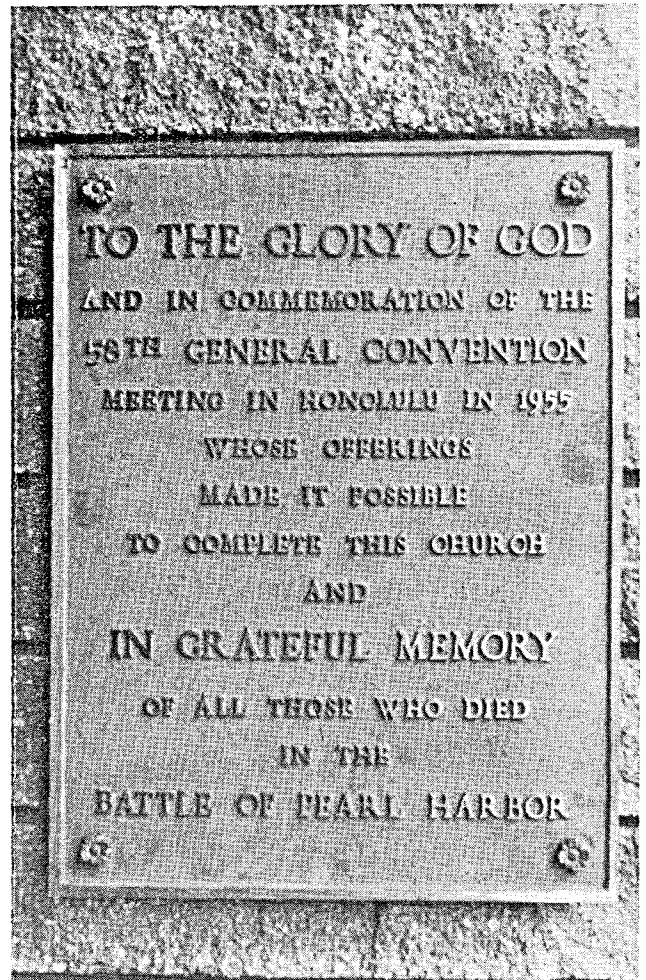
Many Bishops and friends here for General Convention as well as former members of St. George's sent their greetings.

A reception was held in the parish hall and church yard immediately following the service.

Hawaiian Christmas

Our Mainland friends send sympathy
And cards all white with snow;
How can we bear this Christmastide
They simply do not know!
Somehow they didn't remember that
The first Yule wasn't white,
That no bedizened pine or fir
Shared in that first great night.
Our poinsettias, red as blood,
Our palms and starry sky,
With sweet brown carollers singing
The Infant's lullaby
Bring just as truly Christmastide
As sleighbells in the snow;
And how they stand the cold back there
We really do not know!

— Dorothy Brown Aspinwall



Prayer for your Church

Father of all mankind, we pray that to this Church all Thy children may ever be welcome.

Hither may the little ones love to come, and young men and maidens, to be strengthened for the battle of life.

Here may the strong renew their strength, and win for their lives a nobler consecration; and hither may age turn its footsteps to find the rest of God and light at eventide.

Here may the poor and needy find friends. Here may the tempted find succour, the sorrowing find comfort, and the bereaved learn that over their beloved, death has no more dominion.

Here may they who fear be encouraged, and they who doubt have their better trusts and hopes confirmed.

Here may the careless be awakened to a sense of their folly and guilt, and to timely repentance.

Here may oppressed and striving souls be assured of the mercy that triumphs over sin, and receive help to go on their way rejoicing.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



The Presiding Bishop's Christmas Message — 1956

We are all necessarily involved in the routine of what has been described as this "work-a-day" world. Job, business, community, home, all these make their inexorable demands. Of recent years national and international crisis have brought great and unaccustomed strains. Religion becomes a department of life for Sunday, an occasional Sunday, or perhaps in certain cases for Christmas and Easter, or for others not at all. Robert Browning wrote, "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world." But Heaven and therefore God seem at times far removed from daily life and work.

Then comes Christmas and the message, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." God is in heaven but God in Christ is in the processes of history, yes, in all the ordinary experiences of life, reconciling the world and therefore us to Himself. The realization of this fact is the source of the true joy of Christmastide.

His name shall be called Emanuel which being interpreted is God with us.

In humble, thanksgiving, in private and public worship, we lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

Henry Knox Sherrill
PRESIDING BISHOP

A Christmas Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil thoughts by the blessing that Christ brings; and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children and the Christmas night bring us to our beds with grateful hearts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hamau e na kanaka,
Mele mai na anela,
Eia ke 'Lii hanau hou,
E hoonani ae aukou!
Malu no ko lalo nei,
E hauoli hoomaikai!
Ke Akua, ko ke ao,
Kuikahi pu lakou,
Ke Akua, ko ke ao,
Kuikahi pu lakou.

E aloha ke 'Lii mau,
Ke 'Lii pono no kakou
Lama, ola, malu no,
No ko keia ao apau;
Mele e na kanaka,
Mele me na anela,
Eia ke 'Lii hanau hou,
Pomaikai a malu mau,
Eia ke 'Lii hanau hou,
Pomaikai a malu mau.

Hawaiian Creche

If Christ the Saviour had been born
On a Hawaiian beach,
The trade winds rustling through the palms
Their prayers of peace would preach.
A warm Hawaiian moon would shine
Beside the single star,
Above the grass hut sheltering
Keiki from afar.
Joseph would be a fisherman;
Mary would mend the nets,
Except when she was mothering
The Child that she begets.
For shepherds there would have to be,
The surf riders and cowboys,
Each kneeling to the new-born King
With shells and seeds for toys.
The angels would be Island maids
In rainbow colored clothes,
With *maile* fragrance in their hair
And fresh flower halos.
Pineapple would be wise men's gold,
Coffee and sugar cane;
Island perfumes for frankincense,
And myrrh would be the bane.
If Christ the Saviour had been born
On a Hawaiian shore —
Aloha wafted everywhere —
Could He have wanted more?

Seiko Ogai

Ground-Breaking Service for St. Andrew's Priory Classroom

On the day before Thanksgiving Day, Wednesday, November 21, ground was broken for the new classroom and laboratory building for St. Andrew's Priory. Classes were dismissed early in the afternoon and the entire student body and faculty assembled on the mauka side of the Priory grounds. A procession of those taking part in the ceremonies was led by a crucifer from the Main Building to the area where the new building is now being erected.

Canon Savanack, representing the Bishop of Honolulu, officiated, assisted by the Reverend Norman C. Ault, Chaplain of the Priory. After a brief service in which all participated, ground was broken first by Canon Savanack, representing the Diocese of Honolulu, by Chaplain Ault representing the Priory and by Sister Evelyn Ancilla representing the Sisters of the Transfiguration. Others who shared in this were Miss Barbara Ching for the Faculty; Carole Yamada, President of the Student Council; Raelene Young for the Junior High department; Iris Imamura for the Elementary School; William Richardson for the Advisory Board; Leon Strauss, President of the PTF; Limin Kung, Treasurer of the PTF; Ben Hiyashi the Contractor, Ernest A. Hara the Architect and last but not least the representative of all the workers about the Priory, Seichi Takeura. Singing of the Alma Mater closed the ceremony.

The new building will be a two-story lift-slab concrete structure with four large classrooms on the second floor and two laboratories and adjoining classroom on the first floor. Spacious lanais will be erected on the makai side of the building connecting with Queen Emma hall. The building is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.00. Of this amount, \$30,000.00 has already been received from the Builders for Christ fund and \$10,000.00 from the PTF and Student body activities. The building is expected to be completed about Easter 1957.

Gleanings from Parish Bulletins

St. Stephen's, Wahiawa — The first of several "Dialogue Sermons" was begun on Advent Sunday. The Vicar was assisted by two laymen, Dr. Joseph Lucas, Jr., and Mr. Robert Warren.

"The Kavaian" of All Saints, Kapaa — Sixteen young people of All Saints' were listed on the Honor Roll published by Kapaa High School in November.

St. Peter's Keys" of Honolulu — A contract has been signed with the M. P. Moller Co. of Hagerstown, Md. to install a new pipe organ in St. Peter's. Easter 1958 is the date set for completion of installation.



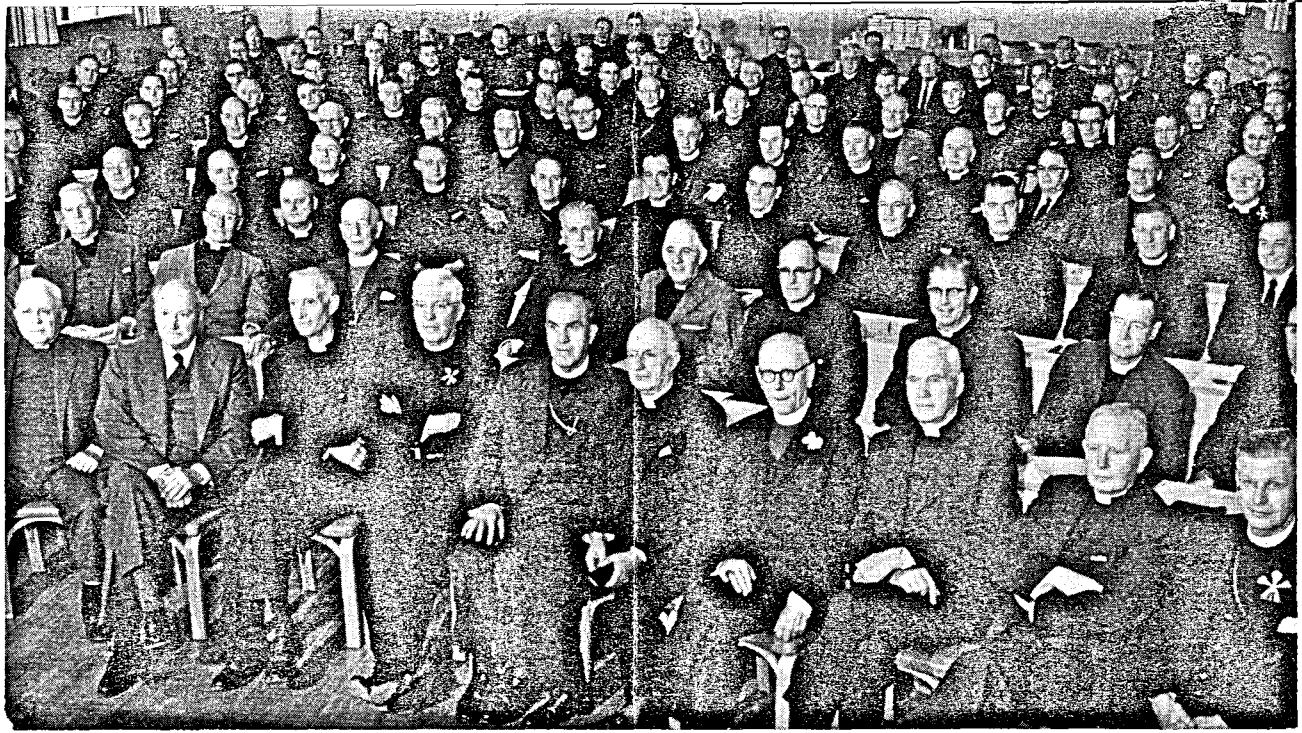
Canon Paul R. Savanack breaks ground for the new classroom building of St. Andrew's Priory School for Girls.

Bishop Quin Dies

The many friends in Hawaii of the Right Reverend Clinton Simon Quin, Retired Bishop of Texas, will be grieved to learn of his death on Nov. 27th in Houston, Texas, after losing a two-year struggle with cancer. When in Honolulu during the 58th General Convention it was known then that he was not at all well. Immediately after leaving here he underwent surgery for the second time to see if the disease could be checked. His physician described him as "The Bishop who portrayed a man of great wit and spiritual magnitude all through his sickness."

The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop, said of him, "Bishop Quin was truly a great bishop. He built magnificently for the diocese of Texas with great vision, courage and force of character. He was beloved by clergy and laity and particularly by his brethren in the House of Bishops. His influence will be long felt throughout the whole church." Bishop John E. Hines, of Texas, who succeeded him, said, "Bishop Quin's death removes from the scene of the Church one of the most vital Episcopates in the Church's history. He took a struggling diocese and by almost superhuman energy and conviction transformed it into one of the strongest segments of the Episcopal Church in the country."

To his wife, who survives him, and his two daughters and son, the people of Hawaii extend deep sympathy. We felt it was a privilege to have him as our Convocation guest in 1951 and also at General Convention in 1955. Both he and his wife made many friends in Hawaii.



Meeting of the House of Bishops, Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania.

The Secret of Happiness

*By the Rt. Rev. James P. DeWolfe, D.D.
Bishop of Long Island*

The yearly festival of our Lord's Nativity means more to an earnest Christian than words can express readily. Christmas deepens, and at the same time brings into sharp focus, our gratitude to God for His mercy. Thanksgiving, as Our Lord has taught us, is the secret both to happiness and holiness.

Christians who are really aware of the meaning of the Incarnation do not pretend to be happy; they are happy. The manifold ills from which the world suffers touch them personally because they live in the world. But they are of good cheer nevertheless. While sin abounds, yet grace doth the more abound. God's mercy and grace are stronger and more abundant than sin can ever become. The way to overcome the world has been opened to the pilgrim. Christians rejoice at all times, and especially at Christmas-tide, because Jesus the Saviour is come into the world to abolish death and to bring life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Christians show their happiness by their firm resolve to grow into holiness. Holiness mean separation; separation from something, and separation unto something. By their declaration of loyalty and devotion to Christ as their Master, they have separated themselves from all that is anti-Christ.

In Baptism they renounce "the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh".

They experienced a new birth unto righteousness, whereby they were made the children of grace. Their

pilgrimage unto holiness was begun. They were separated unto God. They were incorporated into Christ and so into His Body, the Church, wherein the Holy Spirit dwells to sanctify its members.

Through the Laying-on-of-Hands, or Confirmation, they received the strengthening gifts of the Holy Ghost. They were admitted to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, for the continual strengthening and refreshing of their souls. They manifest their happy reaction to God's mercy and grace by their persevering devotion to Jesus. In other words, they practice their religion — a sure sign both of happiness and of holiness.

Every Altar is another Bethlehem. As the shepherds and the Wise Men knelt and adored the King of kings and Lord of lords as He lay in the manger a helpless Babe, so may we kneel and adore Him sacramentally present under the forms of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist. One glorious aspect of the glad tidings first announced by the Christmas angels is that Jesus, having once come to us, has never left us.

Groups To Sing Carols

St. Andrew's Priory School for girls and Iolani School for boys will have a combined choir for taking Christmas Carols to those who are shut-in in hospitals and homes and the accident. At the present time he is at his home institutions and to others. The Y.P.F. of St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish and Hawaiian Congregation of the Cathedral will join in doing the same thing. Canterbury Club of the University of Hawaii has had this as a traditional part of their Christmas ever since its inception.



Mrs. G. Ashton Oldham, wife of the Retired Bishop of Albany, addressing the wives of bishops at the meeting of the House of Bishops, Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania.

Why "The Messiah" Was Written

"For the benefit and enlargement of poor, distressed prisoners for debt in several marshalseas of the city of Dublin."

This is why "The Messiah," the greatest oratorio of all times, was composed. George Frederick Handel, famed composer, had been forced to leave England because of rival opera managers, who, by importing Italian singers, had drawn off the patronage of the nobility, and had ultimately succeeded in reducing him to the state of a debtor.

While in this plight, an invitation came to him from the Duke of Devonshire to visit Dublin. Following this invitation Handel agreed to write an oratorio for the imprisoned debtors.

"The Messiah" was begun on August 22, 1741. It was completed by September 14. It is an illustration of Handel's almost superhuman capacity for work that at the age of fifty-six he should have written his masterpiece in twenty-three days.

It was performed thirty-four times during the composer's life, but never on the scale commensurate with its merits until the Handel Commemoration at Westminster Abbey in 1784. The largest choir and band that had ever assembled before, with the renowned Madame Mara at

the head of the soloists, first gave "The Messiah" according to the ideal of the composer.

The oratorio is divided into three parts. The first illustrates the longing of the world for The Messiah, prophesies his coming and announces his birth; the second part, which is regarded as the most impressive portion of the work, is devoted to the sufferings, death, and exaltation of Christ, and develops the spread and ultimate triumph of the Gospel.

The third part is occupied with the declaration of the highest truths of doctrine, faith in the existence of God, and immortal life, the resurrection, and the attainment of an eternity of happiness.

At the time "The Messiah" was written, Dublin was a large musical center, and Handel received one ovation after another. "The Messiah" was given there in April, 1842, before a great audience. After nine months in Dublin, the composer returned to London, where news of his success had preceded him and where he was received with enthusiasm. — From the *Ohio Wesleyan Transcript*.

Fall Ingathering UTO

Mrs. Glenna Buscher, Diocesan Custodian of the United Thank Offering reports that the Fall Ingathering from our parishes and missions amounted to \$3,153.49. The total offering from our women for 1956 stands at \$6,076.70.



Meeting of the House of Bishops, Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania.

Calvary Parish Hall to be Dedicated

Calvary Church, Kaneohe, Oahu, will have the dedication service for the Parish Hall and the Blessing of the Vicarage on Sunday, December 16th, at 3 p.m. This is a long-looked for occasion by this congregation.

The Vicarage will also be blessed on this same day. This is the fifth anniversary of the founding of the mission. The Reverend William R. Grosh is the Vicar of the Congregation.

Canterbury Club Wins Recognition

Canterbury walked off with the first prize of \$15 in the jalopy or float division during Homecoming. This was the only division that the club entered.

Chairman Mary Matsumoto hussled the members to carry out the football theme of "Let's Rip 'Em Up" for the game between the Hawaii Rainbows and San Jose Spartans.

A huge white papermache football was made with the lacing part of the ball burst open. On both sides of the ball with green stripes was painted in huge black letters, "Let's Rip 'Em Up"! At each end of the ball was placed a goal post decorated with crepe paper: green and white for Hawaii and blue and gold for San Jose.

A makeshift scoreboard showed Hawaii with a score of 50 (representing UH's 50 years celebration) and San Jose, 0 (their final outcome at the game).

The roof of the truck was decorated with white and green crepe paper, while around the "bed" were stripped ti-leaves.

Stops In Honolulu For Brief Period

Chaplain Harry Campbell, who has been stationed in Korea for two tours of duty, stopped in Honolulu for a few days before going on to his home in the Diocese of Albany. He was at the Army and Navy Center.

During his stay he assisted with services at the Cathedral and was present for the ordination of the Rev. Richard L. Aiken.

It was a real pleasure for us to have him with us for the stay he had in Honolulu.

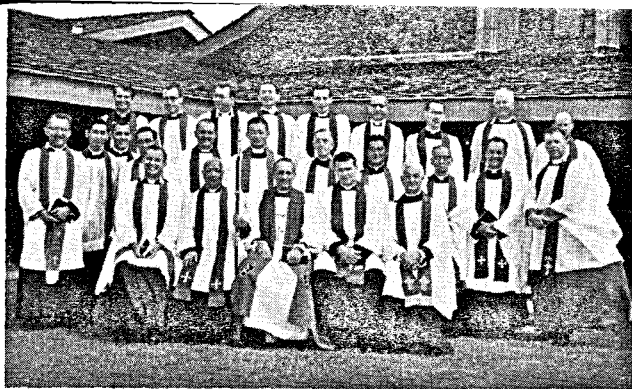
The Russianized Christmas Story

According to a refugee who escaped from Hungary to the West, the Russians are teaching the children of that satellite country this version of the Christmas story:

"Once there was a poor married couple who had nowhere to stay. They asked the rich people for help, but the rich people sent them away. Their baby was born in a stable. They covered him with rags and laid him in a manger. Some shepherds, who had come from Russia, brought the baby some gifts.

"The shepherds told Joseph, the unemployed worker who was father of the baby, that in Russia poverty and misery are unknown. Joseph asked them how they had found the stable. They replied that a red star had guided them.

"Then the shepherds gave the little family furs to keep them warm, and all set out on the road to the Soviet paradise."



Oahu Clergy attending the Ordination Service to the Priesthood for the Rev. Richard Lloyd Aiken.

Three Ordained to the Priesthood

The Reverend Richard Lloyd Aiken

On December 1st, the Reverend Richard Lloyd Aiken was ordained to the Priesthood by the Bishop at the Church of the Holy Nativity, Aina Haina, where he has been assisting the Reverend John J. Morrett.

He was presented for ordination by the Rev. Canon Paul R. Savanack, Administrative Assistant of the Diocese, under whom he first started his work as a layman in 1951, first at Christ Church, Kilauea, Kauai, and then at the Hawaii Episcopal Academy, Kamuela, Hawaii.

The Preface to the Ordinal was read by the Very Reverend James S. Cox Dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral. The Rev. Mr. Morrett preached the sermon. Reading the Gospel was the Rev. Shunji F. Nishi. The Rev. G. P. Mellick Belshaw read the Epistle and the Rev. Norman C. Ault the Litany. Assisting with the Holy Communion Service were the Rev. Messrs: Paul M. Wheeler, James S. Nakamura, and the Rev. Canon Frederick A. McDonald. The Rev. Samuel Van Culin, Jr. was Master of Ceremonies, and the Rev. Canon Wai On Shim Chaplain to the Bishop.

William Gortner, Jr was Crucifer and Pat Callaway and Fred Brown, servers. Ushers were Arthur Latta, Alex Chow, Colin Fryer and John Kim. Mrs. Mildred Minville directed the choir.

Mr. Aiken, who served as teacher and layreader in the islands in 1951-52, returned in August to take up his new duties. During the period between 1952 and 1956, he received his A.B. degree at Trinity college, Hartford. He was graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., in June of this year. While at Trinity, Mr. Aiken played on the varsity football team.

He is married to the former Carole Chapin of Springfield, Mass., who has been active in community projects since their arrival in the islands.

The Reverend William Smythe

The Reverend William Smythe, Christ Church, Kealakekua, was ordained to the Priesthood at the Church



The Rev. John J. Morrett, Vicar of Holy Nativity Church, the Rev. Canon Wai On Shim, the Bishop, the Rev. Richard L. Aiken and the Rev Canon Paul R. Savanack at Ordination Service of the Rev. Mr. Aiken.

on Friday, December 14th, by the Bishop. He was presented by Canon Paul R. Savanack. Preface to the Ordinal was also read by him. The Rev. Gerald P. Loweth, of Holy Apostles Church, Hilo, preached the sermon. The Gospel was read by the Reverend Stephen E. T. Kim, of St. Columba's Church, Paauilo, the Epistle by the Reverend Morimasa Kaneshiro, of St. Augustine's Church, Kohala, and the Litany by the Rev. David P. Coon, of St. James' Church, Kamuela.

The Reverend Morimasa Kaneshiro

The Reverend Morimasa Kaneshiro, Vicar of St. Augustine's Church, Kohala, was ordained at St. Augustine's Church, Kohala, on Saturday, December 15th, by the Bishop. He was presented by the Reverend Canon Paul R. Savanack. The Rev. David P. Coon preached the sermon. Participating in the service were the Rev. Gerald P. Loweth, the Rev. William Smythe, the Rev. David P. Coon and the Rev. Stephen E. T. Kim.

Following all of the services the ordinands were honored by their Church Vestries at luncheons.

Injured By Automobile

Mr. T. J. Hollander, a beloved member of our Cathedral Close and retired treasurer of the Diocese, was struck in a cross walk near the Cathedral on November 29th. He was taken to Queen's Hospital, where he underwent surgery for a badly broken nose. He suffered a severe gash on the forehead and was badly shaken from the accident. At the present time he is in the hospital, and is recovering nicely. Having just enjoyed his ninety-second birthday it is remarkable how he has recovered from such a severe accident. We all join in prayers for his speedy recovery.

St. Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo, Returned to the Church

St. Luke's Day, October 18, 1956 was an important day in the Nippon Sei Ko Kwai as well as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. On that day, the great St. Luke's International Hospital in Tokyo was formally turned back to the Church after having served as a military hospital since the end of World War II. When the American Forces moved into Tokyo our great hospital was taken over and thousands of service personnel received medical attention there. As in the days before the War, the beautiful chapel was the center of the spiritual life of the hospital.

The history of St. Luke's goes back to the turn of the twentieth century when young Rudolph Teusler volunteered as a medical missionary for Japan. The hospital he found in 1900 consisted of a broken down shack — eight beds, some boxes and a few tools. The story of Dr. Teusler and the several St. Luke's hospitals reads like a movie story. The great earthquake of 1923 took everything. Bishop McKim sent word back to America — "All gone but faith in God." A new St. Luke's came into being, only to be destroyed by fire in 1925. But Dr. Teusler rose like the traditional phoenix. The 1928 General Convention endorsed a campaign for \$3,000,000 for St. Luke's and on June 5, 1933 the present buildings were formally dedicated by the then Presiding Bishop, James deWolf Perry. The next year Dr. Teusler, worn out after a third of a century of struggle against many odds, died. When the beautiful chapel was completed, his ashes were placed under the high altar. Dr. Hirohashi Hashimoto is the present medical director of St. Luke's.

Last May the property was returned by the United States military to the Japanese authorities. The JAPAN TIMES says: "On that day, in a significant ceremony, U. S. officers handed back St. Luke's. An American Army band played the Star Spangled Banner as American soldiers lowered the American flag. Then — to the thrill of the Japanese doctors, nurses and technicians — the band played the Kimigayo and the Rising Sun flag was hoisted to the mast-head below the golden cross atop St. Luke's."

Our Hope For Your Christmas And All The Years To Come —

May the God of all Beauty bless you,
May the magnitude of His Universe fill you,
May the Sunshine speak to you of His glory.
May the Ocean with its resistless tides
tell you of His changelessness,
May the High Hills in their majesty
uplift you to His Presence,
May the Wind and Rain in the tree tops
bring you His Spirit,
And may the Stars at night prove messengers
of His everlasting covenant of love.

Christmas Day, St. John's

Blood red anthuriums were upon
The altar stair.
The warm, soft wind blew
Through the open doors
As we knelt in prayer.
The days before had often been
Ones of desperate despair,
But now I found
As I knelt there.
Hearing the words of an oft told tale
Of a baby born in a manger —
I found
That since the Island summer's sun
Until this golden Christmas day
The bitter cold which had frozen
My heart had melted all away.
And we knelt in prayer

. . . of peace on earth.

— Lucille Sandberg

Laymen's Offering

It is the sincere hope of the Diocesan Laymen's League that every man in the Diocese will participate in the Laymen's Offering now being gathered in the parishes and missions on Oahu. At a recent meeting of the Oahu men, plans were made for the receiving of an offering of five dollars more or less from each man, to be applied on the indebtedness incurred when the new dormitory was erected at Mokuleia. Since the response to projects involving sale of tickets has been very poor, the League felt that our men would be willing to share in this "Offering project."

All who have had opportunity to use the new dormitory will certainly want to share in this debt liquidation. Some men may not be able to give five dollars while others may be able to give much more — the Laymen's League is anxious that every man share in this.

Return Due to Illness

The Reverend and Mrs. Joseph Barnett, who have been at St. John's Church, Waiakoa, Kula, Maui, have returned to their home in Pendleton, Oregon due to the illness of Mrs. Barnett.

We wish to thank them for the help that they gave to us at St. Mary's Church, Honolulu, and St. John's in the months that they were with us. We pray for a very speedy recovery for Mrs. Barnett. They made many friends while in Hawaii, and we wish them every blessing.

Approval Granted to Sell Portion of Property

The Board of Directors of the Diocese has granted permission to the Bishop's Committee of St. Mary's Mission, Honolulu, to sell a portion of the property between King and Young Streets, which is not being used by the Church at the present. Proceeds from this sale will be used to erect new church buildings.

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

By the Rt. Rev. Wallace E. Conkling

What does the letter "X" mean to you?

You will recall perhaps your struggles with algebra and you will remember what a difficult time you often had to find "x." The problem centered around "x." *This* you must find to solve the problem. X was the unknown quantity.

This is also generally true of life, any unknown thing or quantity or person we designate as "x." There is, though, another interesting use of the letter, for when we solve the problem, or mark the definite spot where something took place, we again use the letter "x" to designate the known and the found!

So with Xmas. Does the X here represent to you the unknown, or that which is found and known?

Surely with us all, we would answer rightly, Christmas is the birthday of the Christ. He was born in Bethlehem, the Son of God and the Son of Mary. He is in Heaven now. He is our blessed Lord and Saviour and Friend.

X is not an unknown to us. It stands for Him whom

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we know and love. So X stands for Christ. *That* we do know!

But Xmas then, what does that word mean? Christmas . . . is this more than a calendar date, a birthday anniversary? To be sure, it marks a day, but the word itself has meaning — "X-mas" is the abbreviation or sign language for two words, Christ and Mass. Christmass then is Christ's mass.

Here we are to be with Him and offer our adoration as truly as did the shepherds. We can do more than this. We can, like His Blessed Mother, carry Him with us as we receive Him in the Holy Communion. *Every day at the altar is Christmas!*

Day by day, and Sunday after Sunday the bells ring to tell us that the Lord Christ, by His own appointment, comes to be with us and we may come to receive Him sacramentally and adore.

On the Holy night of Christmas eve, so full of thrilling joy, will you ask this honestly of yourself?

"Am I a *stranger* at the manger? Or have I been a *faithful visitor* week by week? Will He easily know me when He sees me here tonight because I have been here often?"

May we suggest a loving present that you may bring to Him at your Christmas communion? Tell Him what you are going to do about Christmas the weeks ahead until December 25, 1957. Tell him "X" does not mean for you an unknown thing . . . that it marks the dearest spot on earth for you and the greatest experience often possible for you. You *know* what "Xmas" means. It means your Lord Christ and where you can surely find Him.

"Venite Adoremus," Come let us adore Him . . . this is the greatest hymn of Christmas. It is the song the angels sing. It is the song the Church uplifts throughout the days of the years as she joins with them in the Adoration of God. It is the song that shall never end.

How often shall we sing it, you and I?

"O come let us adore him"—we shall sing it on Christmas. Yes! And tomorrow too? And often, too, throughout the year?

It is a song for every day. We shall learn to sing it well that it may be our song — forever.

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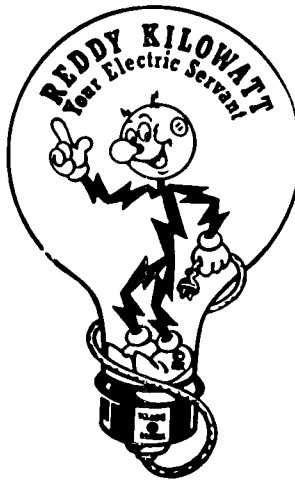
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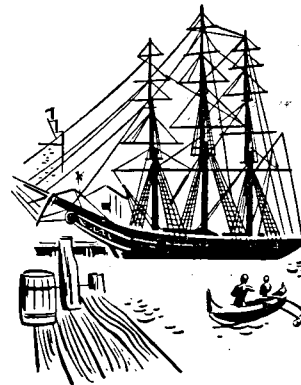
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