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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

The General Convention of 1928 is over. There were enthusiastic gatherings, both religious and social, some able reports and constructive legislations, and a fine Pastoral Letter from the bishops which illuminates the two great problems which face us as Christians and citizens: church and world unity.

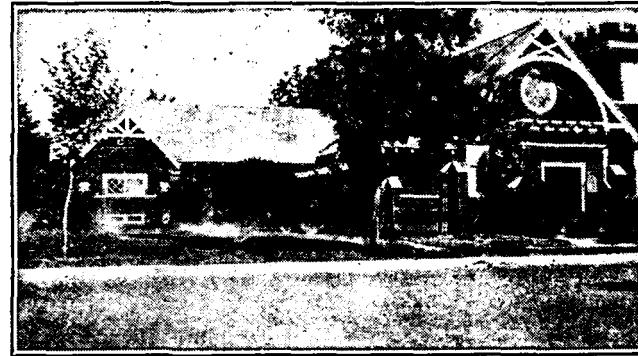
We are grateful for the completion of prayer book revision. The new book will be available in February. The cloth bound edition for the pews will cost twenty-five cents but will not be handled through the trade. A pertinent notice appears in another column. I am suggesting that in those parishes and missions where some other method of placing copies in the pews is not preferred, that each person buy two books, one for himself and one for his neighbor, and donate them to the congregation.

The General Convention adopted a missionary budget for the coming three years and has apportioned next year's quota to the several dioceses. We here have added to our share of the general obligation so much as is needed to supplement the salaries of the diocesan clergy and have apportioned the sum to the parishes and missions in proportion to their relative ability as measured by the item "current expenses" in the annual parochial report. And by this time the parishes and missions will have added their local budget to the parish's share of the general and diocesan expense, and will have begun to canvass their membership. I hope the canvass in each congregation will be a thorough one; for I am convinced that where the parishioners are adequately informed as to the use made of their contributions and asked personally to share in the enterprise there is no difficulty in meeting the budget.

The new church year began with this month and our eyes are turned towards Christmas. Many people think of Christmas with a sigh because the burden of giving presents has increased until what started as a spontaneous expression of affection has become a wearisome chore. When for any of us it becomes that, it is time to stop. It requires courage to fly in the face of a social convention but unless our gifts are prompted by the same urgency of love which we attribute to the Father who so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, they would better not be made. I am pleading for sincerity. The extravagance and sordidness of so much of the social exchange at Christmas tide is a perversion of the Christmas spirit. Nevertheless, underneath the social custom, though often deeply buried by trash, lies the motive which is pure and wholesome and beneficial. Let us relate our giving to that motive.

With the hope that in our social intercourse as well as in our fellowship at the Altar we may learn anew the joy of sharing in the love of the Heavenly Child who came to us as at this season, I wish you all a blessed Christmas.

History of the Diocese



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, MERCED
(The Rev. W. A. Cash, Vicar).

We all know Merced as the Gate Way to Yosemite, know it by the dome of the court house which is the first thing we see as we approach it on the highway. But how many know it by St. Luke's Church, with its beautiful plant and its well kept lawn and gardens?

Merced, and St. Luke's mission with it, has not developed as rapidly as some others of our county town and missions. The reason for this lies in the great ranches, with their manor houses, which surround it, and occupy a large part of the arable land about it.

The division of these great ranches, and their settlement as small farms has been very slow, so the city has not grown as rapidly as have Modesto, Hanford, Visalia and Fresno.

The Mission

Merced was one of the many places where Church work was begun by the Rev. D. O. Kelley when he came to the San Joaquin Valley forty-nine years ago. In those days it seemed far from Fresno, the base of his operations. He held occasional services and began to get acquainted, but it was two years before regular services were begun.

In the fall of 1880, the Rev. L. Mott came to assist Mr. Kelley. He made his home in Modesto and began regular ministrations at Merced, organized a ladies guild and on the 20th of August, 1881, the Mission of St. Luke. During the summer of 1883, chiefly by the efforts of Mr. Mott, lots were secured facing the court house park, and a considerable building fund was raised for a chapel. Mr. Mott died suddenly in September of this year, not seeing the completion of the building, which was well under way. The chapel was completed, and the first service was held in it by the Rev. Kelley on Sunday, December 30, 1883. Mr. Kelley remained in charge until the following October.

Then came evil days to the county and the mission. A series of dry years discouraged everybody, and the few Church people who remained in Merced became disheartened and for a time the chapel itself was abandoned to the ravages of the weather and roaming beasts.

It was in this condition when Bishop Nichols found it at the time he made his first visitation five years later. Immediately determining to rescue the mission and the chapel from its forlorn state, he asked Mr. Kelley, who had again become general missionary of the valley, to give it his first interest.

It was not easy to persuade the discouraged people to try again, but with the promise of continued and consistent help from Bishop Nichols, they were gradually won to helpfulness, and within eight months Sunday School, guild and regular parish work were going smoothly, the chapel had been refitted, and a fine confirmation class presented.

Mr. Kelley then turned his attention to other fields, and was followed in Merced by a number of men, the most of whom did not stay very long.

Bishop Sanford Comes

When Bishop Sanford came in 1911, he called the Rev. W. L. Greenwood to become vicar, and during his ministry the present vicarage, one of the most adequate and pleasant in the diocese was built.

In May, 1913, the Rev. W. H. Hawken became vicar. During his tenure the old chapel was moved to the rear of the church grounds, made over into a parish hall, and the present splendid church edifice erected, and beautified with many memorial gifts, secured by him. Gradually the debt was paid, and in the Spring of 1917, the mission celebrated the end of that work. With the convocation of the diocese as its guest, the Church was presented to Bishop Sanford, and consecrated.

Mr. Hawken continued the ministry of the mission four years longer, and then, at the request of Bishop Sanford, resigned to become archdeacon of the diocese, and was succeeded at Merced by the Rev. W. H. Pond. Four years ago the Rev. W. A. Cash became vicar and is still in charge.

The chief difficulty under which the mission labors is the tendency of its people to move. Last year the mission had a strong Church School, but when Mr. Cash began his work this fall, he found that half the families who had been represented in the school had moved away.

There has come a change in the character of the county and city. Gradually the big ranches are being subdivided, and the city is improving in economic status, and in appearance. With this change has come a new hope for the work of St. Luke's Mission, and it is the expectation of the executive council that the next five years will make a great change in its life.

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CALENDAR

Dec. 16.—III Sunday in Advent (violet).
Dec. 19, 21, 22.—Ember Days.
Dec. 21.—St. Thomas' Day (red).
Dec. 23.—IV Sunday in Advent (violet).
Dec. 25.—Christmas Day (red).
Dec. 26.—St. Stephen's Day (red).
Dec. 27.—St. John, the Evangelist's Day (white).
Dec. 28.—Holy Innocents Day (violet).
Dec. 30.—I Sunday after Christmas (white).
Jan. 1.—Feast of the Circumcision (white).
Jan. 6.—Epiphany (white).
Jan. 7.—The departments of the Executive Council at Fresno.
Jan. 7.—8:00 P. M. The Cathedral Chapter at Fresno.
Jan. 8.—The Executive Council at Fresno.
Jan. 13.—I Epiphany (white).
Jan. 20.—II Epiphany (green).
Jan. 21.—The annual meeting of the Diocesan Service League at Fresno.
Jan. 22 and 23.—Convocation at Fresno.
Jan. 25.—Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.
Jan. 27.—Septuagesima (violet).
Feb. 13.—Ash Wednesday.
Mar. 31.—Easter Day.

The Bulletin wishes every member of our diocesan family a very blessed and happy Christmas.

In these days when Christmas is being used so energetically by merchants, it is a little hard to hold fast to the Christian idea of it as a religious festival and to remember that the first duty of every Churchman is to go to church and make his communion. It is the feast of the birthday of our blessed Lord, and we who love Him should remember that and make Him first in our joy.

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It should be a great source of pride to us all that fresh honors have been bestowed on our bishop. The House of Bishops has made him chairman of the committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter that the next General

Convention will set before the people of the Church. That means that it has selected him to be its foremost spokesman to the whole Church when next it speaks officially.

Another honor is that he has been selected to be the preacher at the consecration of the Rev. Thomas Jenkins as Bishop of Nevada. This will be on the St. Paul's Day, the 25th of next January. This is why the convention of the Service League of the Diocese will be on Monday, January 21, instead of Thursday, as usual.

CHURCH INFORMATION
(How the Church does her work)

Christmas! "Peace, good will to men." It is with this thought that the Church Information column turns to:

Social Service

One of the departments of the National Council is devoted to social service, and most of the dioceses have social service departments.

Social Service is a very old thing. It is only the name that is new. It is the effort to apply the ethics of Christ to all our social and business relationships, and to the institutions of our nation and the world. For all its life the church has been trying to make human society Christian.

It is impossible to understand modern social service without some understanding of what is called the "Industrial revolution."

The industrial revolution was the change in human life and relationships that came with the invention of power tools. It began about the year 1800.

(1) Gradually steam and electricity drove out the small hand tools of previous generations. Craftsmen could no longer own the tools of their crafts. Fancy a locomotive driver owning his engine, and a right to run it on the tracks. Workman became dependent on those who could own the tools, for opportunity to work, for livelihood for their families.

Another example: Of old a man could own a grist mill, driven by water, the wind, or his own horses, own it and work it. No man ~~own and~~ operate the great flour mills of today.

(2) Men had to live near their tools, the factories, so great industrial cities grew, and with them the slums.

(3) The owners of factory and mine ran them for their own profits, and repudiated any social responsibility for the people who were dependent on the operation of the tools.

Religion and the Revolution

At the time that this great change came upon our world, social religion was at low ebb. For two hundred years the emphasis of protestant religion had been on personal salvation, personal holiness. Even today our social ethics has not caught up with the problems of our industrial life.

The workers banded together in unions to secure fair play from the owners of their means of livelihood. There were great industrial wars. It is a long sad story.

Then came two great churchmen in England, Charles Kingsley and Frederick Maurice. They began an awakening of the Church to its duty to the people who were dependent on the owners of coal mines, factories, whatnots.

In our country there was formed the Church Association in the interests of Labor, to help bring industrial justice and peace, and to educate the people who were independent of "jobs."

The National Council

When the National Council was organized, the leaders of the movement tried to coordinate all the societies that were serving the Church, and put them under one budget, the idea that is followed in our community chests.

So well had the C. A. I. L., and others, done their work of educating Church folk, that Social Service became one of the departments of the National Council. Dean Charles Lathrop, a nationally known social service worker, became its executive secretary.

The work of the department has developed into five "Divisions."

(1) Educational work. Only as we, the common members of the Church scattered throughout the land, serve, can the Church serve. The officers in New York cannot take magazines to our jail, etc. The officers in New York can only awaken and guide us. So the department tries by publications, in-

CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE

There are to be a number of changes in the diocese with the coming of the new year.

The Rev. Ernest A. Shapland, who for the past six years has been vicar of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, in the cathedral parish is going to an independent work as Vicar of St. John's Church, Lodi.

A new office of student pastor of Fresno State College has been created, and the Rev. Lee A. Wood, who has been vicar of St. John's Church, Porterville, for the past sixteen years has been appointed student pastor, and that he may have a base from which to work, he was elected vicar of the chapel of the Holy Spirit, at a meeting of the Cathedral Chapter held on the tenth of December.

The Rev. John Burleson, a brother of the Bishop Burleson who is nationally known as the Bishop of the Indians in South Dakota, and the author of "The Conquest of the Continent," and "Our Church and Our Country," is coming to Porterville to succeed Mr. Wood.

stitutes, summer schools and other ways to train the diocesan leaders, clergy and candidates for the ministry.

(2) Work in the public institutions like the county farms, jails, and sanatoriums, especially the county jails. The spirit of officialism often makes these inhuman institutions. The National Council Department is ready and eager to help local Christians, of parish social service departments deal with the problems rising from these institutions.

(3) Rural life. The drift to the cities has changed the character of our farms. They have been left in a back-water of our national life, where the work is incessant and cheerless and Christianity is disappearing. The department has been trying to waken the Church to its responsibility to the farmers and the rural communities, and is training both clergy and candidates for this work.

(4) Church Institutions. Our Church has always been foremost among Christian Communions in the number of its institutions for the less fortunate members of our communities. It has now 77 Church hospitals, 54 homes for the aged, 82 children's institutions, 11 houses of mercy, and many settlement houses.

In all institutions of this kind there is a tendency for the spirit of loving service to grow cold and impersonal, and the unfortunate inmates cannot do much to help themselves. It is part of the work of the department to keep the spirit of Christ alive, and to keep those in control in touch with the newest methods.

(5) Industrial Relations. A change for the better is coming over the spirit of many industrial managers, and the department is developing a division of industrial relationship that promises to be of great help in the humanizing and Christianizing of relations between employer and employee, a relationship that for many years has been held to be purely commercial.

In addition to these words the department has tried to keep before the conscience of men the horror and sin of war and to foster a spirit of good will between ours and other nations.

In our own diocese the Executive Council has a Department of Social Service consisting of the Dean, the Rev. A. L. Walters, and Messrs. Geo. A. Osborn, and F. A. Eckstrom, whose duties are similar to those of the National Department.

"O COME LET US SING"
The Good Manners of the House of God
(By Bishop Sanford)

A correspondent has asked whether the congregation should keep on singing the recessional hymn after the choir has left the church. What has already appeared in this column has doubtless been read by many with disapproval. But if the choir is to come in or go out singing a hymn it is the privilege of the congregation to join in it. The custom which prevails in some places of asking the congregation to be silent when the choristers are outside the door is intended to prevent the awkwardness caused by the congregation singing in one tempo and the choir in another while the distracted organist tries in vain to pull the two together. There is no rule about it. It is the privilege of any

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Institutes

Thanks to the teachers of St. Paul's Church, Bakersfield, the institute of the department, for the Southern Deanery, was a great success. The superintendent, Miss Margaret Gardett, and most of the teachers were present.

Canon Graves presented the principles underlying the Christian Nurture Course, laying emphasis on the training in worship and service and in Church loyalty, the education of the emotional life of the child, a part of the Chirstian Nurture principle which is so often neglected for the informational side of the work. Mrs. Carrie G. Templeton, at one time director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Oklahoma, presented the subject of the preparation of the teacher for her work, the preparation of the lesson, and the general subject of the standards to teacher training set by the department of Religious Education of the National Council. She told of the National Accredited Teachers Association, and how it was possible for teachers to acquire credits looking toward the receiving of diplomas.

Miss Gardett was the only administrative officer present, so the Rev. Otis L. Mason, courteously waived his place on the program, and held a personal conference with her.

After the institute the teachers of the school entertained the group at a pleasant and bountiful luncheon in the parish hall. It was a great satisfaction to us all that the bishop was able to be present for part of the session, and the luncheon, but a disappointment that neither Porterville, Lindsay, Visalia or Taft were represented.

The institute for the Central Deanery proved to be less successful.

The Birthday Offering

The children of the Church have shown their love and loyalty by their splendid Birthday Thank Offering of \$32,386.29. It was presented to Bishop Creighton and will be used for Hooker School. There is an old saying "The King is Dead: long live the King"—which means that as soon as one ruler has passed away, allegiance must be transferred to the one who succeeds him.

It is so with the Birthday Thank Offering. Just as soon as one Offering is presented we must begin gathering the next one, and we shall have a splendid cause for which to save our birthday money during the next three years. The next Birthday Thank Offering will be used to build and equip a ward for children in St. Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo.

St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, was begun by Dr. Rudolf B. Teusler a quarter of a century ago in an old building with eight patients. Dr. Teusler is one of the outstanding missionaries in our Church. His name is known all through the Orient. Under his leadership the hospital grew to be the best-known one in the Far East, with many beds and a training school for nurses. He had just laid the foundation of another building which should be large enough to take in all who came for help when the terrible earthquake and fire of September, 1923, destroyed St. Luke's and nearly all the other buildings belonging to our Church in Tokyo.

Nothing daunted, Dr. Teusler hastily assembled an impromptu hospital barracks and tents and went on with his work of mercy. Now plans have been made for a fine new hospital which shall be "quakeproof" and fireproof.

It is for the children's ward in this new hospital that the Birthday Thank Offering to be presented in 1931 will be given.

The Department hopes that all teachers will interest themselves in this work. From time to time pictures and stories will appear in the Missionary Magazine of the Young Churchman. We hope that these will be emphasized in distributing them to the children. Also, there is a very appealing story called "We Must All Work Together" which tells in story form of St. Luke's Hospital and its work for children. It may be had of the Book Store 281 Fourth Ave., New York City.

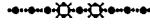
Another matter in regard to the Birthday Offering has been brought to the attention of the department. It seems that in some parishes at least there has grown up a custom for the boys to avoid making their birthday offerings for fear of the traditional way that boys have for celebrating each



THE RECTOR OF STOCKTON

The Rev. Seth C. Hawley

The Rev. Mr. Hawley was born in New York City. After graduating from school he spent several years in business, and at the age of twenty-six he started his preparation for the ministry. He began his ministry in 1912 at Jackson, Wyoming, in the famous Jackson's Hole country, which was then real wild and wooly West. He then served at Manitou, Colorado, Hulls Cove, Maine, Mendham, Ney Jersey, and for the past five years he has been at Elko, Nevada.



CHANGE IN THE CANONS

In accordance with the rule of convocation the committee on canons here reports the changes in the canons which it expects to introduce at the coming convocation.

Article III of the Constitution:

The Ecclesiastical Authority of this Missionary District is vested in and exercised by its Bishop, or in case of his disability, through absence or otherwise, and while such disability lasts, shall be vested in and exercised by the Council of advice, acting under and in subordination to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, its General Convention, Constitution, Canons and Regulations.

(This change is intended to bring our constitution into conformity with the canons of General Convention).

Canon XLIII, Sec. 432 (c) Repeal the section and substitute the following: (c) The Parishes and Missions shall be classified, and the amount required shall be distributed among them in a proportion which shall be determined by the Executive Council, subject to the review of the Convocation.

Canon XXIV, Sec. 246. Repeal the section and substitute the following: Sec. 246. The books of the Treasurer of the District shall be audited to the close of each fiscal year by a public accountant, not a member of convocation, to be appointed by the Executive Council. The Auditor's certificate that he has examined all the accounts of the Treasurer, with the result of his findings, shall be transmitted to the Executive Council within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year, and a copy of such certificate shall be appended to the Treasurer's Report as published in the Diocesan Journal.

Canon XLI, Sec. 415, Delete the last sentence and substitute the following:

Such report shall be audited by a public accountant, not a member of the convocation, to be appointed by the Executive Council. The auditor's certificate that he has examined such report, with the result of his findings, shall be transmitted to the Executive Council within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year, and a copy appended to the report as published in the Diocesan Journal.

others birthdays. The department suggests that there be a Sunday set for the receiving of all birthday offerings that have been elided during the past year. We suggest the Sunday after Epiphany, in which the gospel tells of our Lord's attaining his twelfth year.

THE SERVICE LEAGUE

Mrs. Ikin has asked Mrs. Adams, of St. John's Service League, Stockton, to write of the Triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary for the Bulletin. She writes as follows:

"No word could do the Convention and the meeting of the Auxiliary justice. The opening meeting in the open air amphitheater on Mt. St. Alban was a magnificent sight, one never to be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be there. The amphitheater seats twenty thousand and every seat was taken.

"There were fifteen hundred in the procession. First came the vested orchestra of twenty-five pieces, then the choirs, led by the Crucifers and flag bearers, then the clergy and bishops. It was a most beautiful and colorful procession. President Coolidge was escorted by a delegation of bishops and seated on the speaker's platform. Bishop Freeman opened the service, followed by an address by the president, who spoke convincingly. He was then escorted out by three bishops, and Bishop Anderson, of Chicago, preached a splendid sermon.

"The following day more than four thousand and five hundred women attended the United Thank Offering Communion Service at half past seven in the morning at the cathedral. Thirty women dressed in white cassocks, with purple ribbons on their shoulders, and purple mortar-boards, acted as ushers. They were most dignified and performed their office in a beautiful manner. A number of bishops took part in this service, among them was our own beloved Bishop Sanford. It was a proud moment when the Thank Offering was presented.

"The meetings were all very helpful. The noon-day meditations by Miss Grace Lindley, were most inspiring. The religious pageant, "The Cross Triumphant," written by Mrs. Minnegerode Andrews, was a magnificent sight, a thousand people taking part in it.

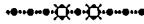
Bishop and Mrs. Freeman gave several teas in their lovely garden. They were most gracious hosts.

"I do not know of a more beautiful place for a convention than Washington. The Washington women were very cordial, and everything was done for our pleasure and comfort. I am sure the delegates all went home feeling inspired and happy and grateful that they had been permitted to be present on so many memorable occasions."

The Store Room

Mrs. Young writes, "much interest is being manifested throughout the diocese in the store room which was founded by the supply department this fall.

"A great deal of good used clothing has been collected. Many groups are sewing on various articles, some are patching quilts, others making altar linens. A very gratifying report of the contents of the store room will be sent to headquarters the first of the year, and it is hoped that every unit of the league will have some part in that report."

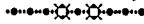


THE REV. MR. BELLISS

Mr. Belliss, who was associated with us for so long, at Selma, Coalinga, and Lindsay is now chaplain of the City Missions Society of San Diego.

The society has placed a car at his disposal, and during the past year he has traveled 8,138 miles in the prosecution of the work of the society. In a report presented recently he told of 2698 visits with the sick and lonely folk in the institutions of that city and county, 61 services in the county hospitals, 1333 radio services, 41 drives in which he gave 130 patients a breath of the outside world, and many other ministrations. Through his solicitation friends have given victrolas, records, comfortable chairs and other comforts to the inmates of these institutions.

This will give a little picture of his life and work to those who are interested in him. Mrs. Belliss and their daughter Margaret are with him. His son, Cyril and daughter Dorothy are both in Manilla, where Cyril is rector of the cathedral, and Dorothy is teaching in a Church school.



Marriage of the Rev. Geo. G. Hoisholt

The bishop has received word that on the 5th day of November, the Rev. George G. Hoisholt married Miss Mary Spencer at Pueblo, Colorado.

