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**Portion of the crowd of over 7,000 at opening of the Cathedral Diocesan Mission. Crowds jammed sides and back. It was reported 1,000 were turned away.**

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## CALENDAR: DECEMBER-JANUARY

### DECEMBER

15th	10:30 a.m.	St. Paul's, Syracuse, Consecration Ven. Walter M. Higley	Bishop Gilbert
19th: 4th Sunday after Advent	11:00 a.m.	St. Mark's, Mount Kisco	Bishop Gilbert
	11:00 a.m.	All Angels'	Bishop Donegan
	4:00 p.m.	St. Luke's, Katonah	Bishop Donegan
	8:00 p.m.	St. Francis, Elmsford	Bishop Donegan
20th	3:00 p.m.	Board of Managers	
24th	5:00 p.m.	Evensong at the Cathedral (Creche Service)	Bishop Gilbert
25th	11:00 a.m.	Cathedral	Bishop Gilbert
28th	4:00 p.m.	Trustees of the Cathedral	Bishop Gilbert

### JANUARY

2nd: 1st Sunday after Christmas	11:00 a.m.	St. James, Goshen (Dedication of new interior and windows and 25th anniversary of the Rector)	Bishop Gilbert
	11:00 a.m.	Atonement, Bronx	Bishop Donegan
	4:00 p.m.	St. John's, Tomkins Cove	Bishop Donegan
6th	10:30 a.m.	Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, L. I., Consecration of Rev. Jonathan Sherman	Bishop Gilbert
	8:15 p.m.	St. James the Less, Scarsdale	Bishop Donegan
9th: 1st Sunday after Epiphany	11:00 a.m.	St. Martha's, Bronx	Bishop Gilbert
	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's, Bronx	Bishop Donegan
	4:00 p.m.	St. John's, Wilmot	Bishop Donegan
	8:00 p.m.	St. David's, Bronx	Bishop Gilbert
	8:00 p.m.	Service of Lights Holy Trinity, St. James	Bishop Donegan

## The Bishop's Message :

*Dear Friends of the Clergy and Laity:*

As this BULLETIN comes to you, our hearts and minds will be turning towards the observance of the Joyous Christmas Festival. That great day and its eternal message should come to us this year with new meaning and a new appeal.

We are anxious and troubled over the plight of our world. Fear and uncertainty weigh heavily upon us all. Against the darkness that now oppresses us that Bethlehem Star should shine out with a new brightness. There are many of us this year, I believe, who will remember the coming of the Prince of Peace with deeper understanding.

Throughout the Diocese great numbers of our people have been deeply stirred by the Mission in which we have been engaged. Our hearts have been touched. Our faith has been deepened and we have a new awareness of the glorious heritage that is ours in the worship and fellowship of our Church.

I would pay my grateful tribute to the Reverend Bryan Green for all that he has done for us. He has given of himself without stint to a schedule that has covered the entire Diocese. He has visited numerous schools and colleges. He has conducted many conferences with our clergy and others. The series of crowded week-night services at the Cathedral, with which the Mission was concluded, was an amazing demonstration of the wide interest he has aroused.

We must now give thought to the next steps in our Evangelistic program if we are to conserve all that Mr. Green has done for us. As I have frequently said, the Program of Evangelism to which we are called must not be regarded as a high-pressure campaign which will shortly fade out. It is a continuing endeavor. We owe much to Bishop Donegan, Dr. Shoemaker, Father Leeming and the clergy who have worked with them in carrying out the Diocesan Mission. I know they are ready to go on to the next steps.

I pray that this coming Christmas may bring to all our people new hope and courage and confidence for the difficult days in which we are living—and fresh incentive for the task that He has committed to us.

*Charles Gilbert*



THE BISHOP reads the vows to the six deacons to be advanced to the priesthood. N. Y. Mirror Photo

## Advance Six Deacons To the Priesthood

On November 27th, in the Cathedral, the Bishop advanced six deacons to the priesthood, and ordained one deacon. The Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Sparks, canon pastor of the Cathedral, was the preacher. This was the largest group advanced to the priesthood since the war.

The Rev. James C. Healey, Ph.D. who was ordained deacon had been an ordained minister of the Methodist Church since 1917, as a chaplain to seamen. He was presented by the Rev. R. A. D. Beaty, St. Peter's Chelsea, and will serve at the Seamen's Church Institute.

The deacons advanced were:

The Rev. Warren Isaac Densmore, vicar of the Church of the Divine Love, Montrose, and on the faculty of St. Peter's School, Peekskill; the Rev. Harvey H. Guthrie, Jr., vicar of St. Martha's, North White Plains; the Rev. Walter A. Henricks, Jr., curate, Christ Church, Poughkeepsie. Mr. Henricks had been a fully ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church for six years.

Also, the Rev. William Krause, 70-year old retired executive of Oxford Press, who had served as a layreader for over fifty years at St. James', Fordham, where he continues to serve; the Rev. Reginald Ernest Moore, from the Diocese of Ottawa, curate of the Chapel of the Incarnation; and the Rev. A. E. Rust, Jr., serving at St. Paul's, New Rochelle.

## Clergy Urged to Push BULLETIN Promotion

The Bishop addressed a letter to the clergy last week to open a drive for a larger number of subscribers to the BULLETIN.

Asking each clergyman in charge of a congregation to find at least ten (10) subscribers from among his parishioners, the Bishop said, "I am enclosing 10 envelopes which I hope you will use for this purpose.

Bishop Gilbert pointed out that the BULLETIN numbers less than 3,000 subscribers in a diocese of about 100,000 communicants, and urged Sunday School and Girls' Friendly Society members to participate in the BULLETIN subscription contest for a free scholarship to the 1949 Diocesan Youth Conference.

As a second part of the subscription drive, subscribers and church members are being asked to give the BULLETIN as a Christmas gift.

## Attendance at Mission Services Culminates in Cathedral Crowds

Attendance at the Diocesan Mission established records for enthusiasm that

culminated in an opening service of over 7,000 in the Cathedral Sunday, November 28. As the BULLETIN goes to press, nightly crowds, beginning with 3,500 on Monday night, shows promise of an overflow crowd at the closing service, December 5 and Thanksgiving Service, December 7.



Fred Kurz

The Mission was led off with a 6,000 crowd at the Westchester County opening meeting, sponsored by the enlarged Convocation Committee on the Program of the Church, Samuel Thorne, chairman. Frederic C. Kurz did the organizing work for Westchester.

Other services throughout the other convocations reported capacity crowds.

# "DIOCESAN MISSION" SHOWS SANE EVANGELISM'S POWER

By BISHOP DONEGAN

As this issue of the BULLETIN goes to press the Mission is still in progress. The final week of services in the Cathedral is in progress. The Diocesan Mission commenced on November 7th with a congregation of between five and six thousand people at the County Center in White Plains. That vast company of worshippers was an impressive demonstration of the strength of the Episcopal church in Westchester.

Since then mission services have been held in every Convocation. In addition to preaching every day, the Missioner has spoken in colleges, universities, high schools, public and private schools, seminaries; made several broadcasts; held numerous interviews, and given lectures to the clergy on the preparation and preaching of parochial missions.

We are grateful to the Rev. Bryan Green for his willingness to come to New York and to lead this evangelistic endeavor of our church. He has given of himself unceasingly and unsparingly. His forthright presentation of the Christian gospel has been a stimulus, challenge and inspiration to us all.

## The Rev. Bryan Green Speaking



### PRAYER: "Grant to Me a Place in Thy Purpose"

*"O God, who through thy Son hast made plain thy glorious plan for the world; grant to me a place in that unfolding purpose; and show me thy plan for my life; though it be hard, make me long to follow it; and give me courage to persevere until, at last, I reach the goal which thou has set for me; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

—from ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S WEEKLY  
White Plains, N. Y.

Obviously, it is impossible at this date to evaluate the spiritual benefits of the mission. But certain observations can be made.

The Mission was timely as evidenced by the large congregations wherever the Missioner has spoken, and this in spite of the fact that the period of preparation was all too short.

The Mission was a clear illustration of sane Evangelism. No longer will people think of Evangelism in terms of emotionalism and revivals. It has removed the wrong conception many people have held.

The Mission has led the way for a long term teaching of the Christian faith in the parishes. The eagerness and readiness of the people for instruction was striking.

The Mission has enriched the faith of the faithful and led them into a deeper devotional life.

The Mission has been the beginning of a Christian experience to many people. There is unmistakable evidence of new commitment to Christ. There has been re-dedication of active communicants and a renewed interest in the church on the part of a considerable

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number of members who were formerly inactive.

One important fact of the Mission has been the spirit of cooperation on the part of the clergy and laity. This spirit of unity will deepen the increasing spirit of fellowship throughout the Diocese.

The Mission has shown the value of a preaching mission as an aid in the work of the church.

The extraordinary number of young people who have sought interviews with the Missioner indicates that youth are ready to respond when the challenge of Christianity is presented positively, with courage, conviction and imagination.

As the Mission draws to a close it cannot be too strongly emphasized that what has been happening during the past month is only a beginning. In every congregation the Mission should be followed up with a vigorous program of evangelism. Teaching sermons, study groups, prayer fellowships, parish visitations, parochial missions are some of the ways in which this evangelistic endeavor may be continued. People formerly inactive who have been at the services should be called on. "Seekers classes" should be organized for those who want to ask questions regarding the Christian

FACULTY—Some of the teachers of the Central School of Religion of the Board of Religious Education. Left to right, Mrs. Leonora Harris, Rev. Leslie Lang, Rev. Clifford E. B. Nobes, Rev. Miles L. Yates and Rev. J. W. Yoder, school director. 150 registered.



faith. Opportunities should be made available for church people to do work in the parish and the community.

Every congregation will decide on its own program, but it is important that the clergy should meet at once with their vestries and interested laity and plan the follow-up in order that the spiritual values of the Mission may be conserved.

Finally I wish to express my thankfulness to the deans of all the Convocations, the chairmen and members of the committees, the rectors of the churches where the services were held and to many others for their cooperation, and to Bishop Gilbert for his whole-hearted support of this evangelistic endeavor which we pray will bring many blessings to the Diocese of which he is the beloved leader.

### "I Have Walked with a Man who Walks with God"

"I have walked with a man who walks with God," said the Rev. Frank C.



Leeming, headmaster of St. Peter's School, Peekskill. His earnestness, and his absolute adherence to the teaching of the simple gospel, and the number of clergy who very obviously have rededicated themselves, have been the impressive things."

The Rev. Mr. Leeming was talking about his experiences as he led the music for the many services of the Missioner, the Rev. Bryan Green.

Three memories were most vivid to him. First, the conducted silence "to lead people to the acceptance of the message of Christ." Second, the large congregations and their responsiveness to the Missioner, especially the young people. Third, the simplicity of the Missioner's presentation. For example, "he spoke of sins as 'Jonah's' which because they refuse to obey God's will, prevent us from reaching shore. We are saved only when they are thrown overboard."

# Mission Body Votes \$150,000 for New Church Construction

The Board of Managers of the Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society has voted to conduct a campaign throughout the Diocese for \$150,000 to enable it to build several new churches and a parish house in the diocesan missionary field. The campaign will be launched on January 1st and it is hoped that the full goal will be reached before March 1st so that building operations can start as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

No mission church has been built in the Diocese for nearly ten years and there are several churches which were started twelve to twenty-five years ago and never completed.

In commenting on the campaign the

Bishop said, "we must not let anything stand in the way of our obligation to perform this very fundamental missionary task to plant the church in these growing communities in our own Diocese. I am certain we will have the full backing of all of our clergy and lay people."

## Cancer Group Asks Diocese Aid

The New York City Committee of the American Cancer Society last month asked the Bishop to urge church members to take advantage of the diagnostic and treatment facilities.

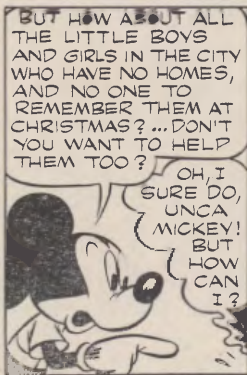
## Third Annual Vestrymen's Dinner Held by Bronx Convocation Men

The third Annual Vestrymen's Dinner sponsored by the committee on men's work of the Bronx Convocation was held the end of October.

73 wardens, vestrymen and advisory board members, 13 clergy of the Convocation, a representative from National Council and one non-Church attended.

## Mickey, Morty & Mite Boxes

Walt Disney



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# Plans for Next Months' Activities By the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary



*Board of Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary*

## Advent Offering and Student Tea Are Set

A tea for foreign Episcopal college students has been planned for early December at Windham House, training center for Church workers, the Missions Promotion Committee of the Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary announced at the regular monthly meeting of the Board, held November 16 at St. Bartholomew's Community House.

The six district vice presidents reported to the body that the results of the Diocesan mission have been "extremely encouraging."

The delegates to the provincial meeting held in Asbury Park during October, reported, one interesting feature being a missionary program arranged by Mrs. McCulloh to show the location of the missionaries from our own Province on a large map. There are twenty women and four men from the Diocese of New York.

Members of the Board who attended the meeting are shown in the picture above. Beginning with Mrs. Sydney M.

Arnold who is sitting with her back to the camera at the end of the couch, and continuing to the left about the circle, the ladies are:

Mrs. H. Hobart Holly, Jr., Mrs. George W. Burpee, Mrs. E. Stuart Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Malcolm Tuttle, Mrs. Edward T. Theopold, Mrs. William E. Leidt, Mrs. John H. Michaeli, Mrs. J. Hopkins Smith (standing), Mrs. Charles M. Baxter, Jessie Willing, Mrs. Francis S. Bancroft, Mrs. James S. McCulloh, Mrs. Edward S. Porter, Mrs. Alexander Wiley, Mrs. Charles C. Walden, Jr., Mrs. Bedell H. Harned.

Present at the meeting but not shown in the picture were: Mrs. Robertson L. Cleveland and Mrs. Arthur J. Simpson.

### Advent Service on December 7

At the Advent Service and Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, December 7th in the Cathedral, the United Thank Offering was presented at the 10:30 a.m. celebration of the Holy Communion at which the Right Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania was the preacher. Bishop Gilbert presided over the afternoon Missionary Meeting.



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## Postmaster Requests All Mailing to be Done Early

The Postmaster of New York City has requested that all Christmas cards and parcels be mailed early in order to assure delivery before Christmas Day. The use of Postal Delivery Zone numbers is also requested.

Mailings for distant States should be deposited in advance of December 10, and greeting cards for local delivery should be mailed not later than December 15 to insure delivery by Christmas Day.

Parcels may be marked "Do not open until Christmas."

## Urge Churchmen to Aid DP's to Enter Country

The Commission on Christian Social Relations urged members of the Episcopal Church who wish to aid displaced persons to enter the United States to take advantage immediately of the new legislation providing for their entry.

Referring to the thousands of such non-Roman Christians the Commission pointed out last month in its Bulletin

*THANKSGIVING. A service of Thanksgiving on behalf of the peoples of the Nations of the Commonwealth, marking the birth of a son to H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh. The service was held at the request of the Consul General of the Commonwealth.*



that it is no longer necessary for individuals to assume complete legal and financial responsibility. A person willing to help, after receiving the approval of his rector, may offer employment through the Commission's office at 416 Lafayette Street, New York 3, N. Y. The Commission forwards the application to Church World Service, and they in turn assume corporate responsibility for the guarantee that the Displaced Person will not become a public charge.

A prospective employer specifies the sex, acceptable age range, type of employment, and weekly wage and hours of labor. Field workers in the Displaced Persons camps then find an individual who fits the specification.

## Musical Compositions of Vicar Presented

Five compositions by the Rev. John A. Castelli, vicar of the Church of San Salvatore were presented last month at a sacred music concert given for the organ fund of the church.

Herbert M. Lane, organist; Raimonda Castelli, Mary Di Maggio, Rose Micalizio, Olimpia Montini, Bessie Bacchi, Lena Fiordaliso, Vivian Somma, Marie Desmo, Theresa Felicetti and John Parsek, sopranos; Nellie Somma, alto; Mr. Parker Pleu and Jack Desmo, tenors; John E. Castelli, baritone; and Edward Young, bass, were featured artists with the choir of the church under the direction of the vicar.

The Rev. Mr. Castelli's compositions sung were: *Preghiera a Dio, Lasciate a Me Venire, Peace I Leave With You, Consider the Lilies, Agnus Dei, Sanctus, and Spes Mea in Deo Est.*

Lena Fiordaliso, Raimonda Castelli and M. Parker Pleu were praised especially for their performances.

## Parish Receives \$4,000 Legacy

Trinity Parish, Saugerties, has been left a legacy of \$4,000 by Mr. G. H. Knight, in memory of his wife, it was announced last month by the rector, the Rev. Peter W. O. Hill.

The gift is to be known as the Annie Knight Memorial.



PRESENT AND FUTURE. *At left is present state of the construction of the Church of the Ascension, West New Brighton, Richmond. At right is the architect's sketch of how the building will appear when finished. The Rev. Raymond G. Rogers, rector, said they expect work will be completed by late January. This is the only church under construction in the Diocese at this time.*

*E. F. Strassle, architect*

## "Great Scenes" Gets A Mixed Reception

First response to *Great Scenes from Great Plays*, the radio program sponsored by the National Council, heard locally over WOR at 8:00 p.m. Fridays, to date has brought inquiries from 642 individuals in this area who wished to know more about the Church. These inquiries are now being allocated to the proper parishes.

At the parish level, response of church members to the program was generally enthusiastic, according to a survey made by the BULLETIN last month.

The Rev. Fessenden Nichols, rector of Christ Church, Suffern, described the general reaction of his congregation as "good." This was also the experience at Calvary, where some members have attended the actual scenes while they were being recorded. At St. John's, Larchmont, acceptance was enthusiastic also, and the rector, the Rev. Francis H. Coffin, said he was "willing to support this one for a year on an experimental basis."

At the Church of the Epiphany, a survey of congregational response showed that of 25 persons who had listened, 19 liked the idea and 3 did not. 13 said they thought the programs would be effective. About half had heard the programs discussed, and in those in-

stances, opinion was equally divided between a favorable and an unfavorable reaction.

While everyone agreed the programs were artistically excellent, there was difference of opinion as to what religious effect the effort would have.

The Rev. James H. Price, rector of St. James the Less, Scarsdale, reported he had quizzed a local adult school of no religious affiliation, and that while they thought the Episcopal Church was rendering a fine service to culture and that the program was good public relations, "none of these people have indicated the slightest interest in the Church as a result of the broadcasts." The Rev. Mr. Price noted that he had quizzed some ten or a dozen rectors and only two women had given an indication to one rector that their church attendance related to the broadcast.

While no other outsiders were reported visiting churches, the majority of the clergy responding supported the program. "I think they are extremely good," said the Rev. Edward O. Miller, rector of St. George's. "I rejoice greatly in this bold step taken by the National Council."

### Church Club Announces Programs

The members of the Church Club of New York heard Bishop Donegan discuss the Lambeth Conference at a round table dinner on December 6th.

The 62nd Annual Dinner was set for January 31st at which the Right Rev. Lauriston L. Scaife, S.T.D., Bishop of Western New York, and the Honorable Owen J. Roberts, LL.D., former associate justice of the Supreme Court will be the speakers.

## Bazaars, Bazaars and Bazaars Are Now On

If all the annual Bazaars and Fairs now being given in the Diocese were laid end to end, the food, toy and baby tables, bake and cake, fashion shows, gifts, aprons, white elephants (what a stream!), sketches, voice recordings, fortune tellers, playlets, silhouettes, journals, wishing wells, quilts, jewelry (home-made and commercial) cosmetics, darts, grocery stores, parcel posts, soda shops, shooting galleries, antiques, stuffed animals, Kalendars, stationery and Christmas cards (but no BULLETIN subscriptions), Christmas wrappings, candy, popcorn, and other sundries, would be endless.

Returns have ranged from \$300 (lowest reported) to over \$3,000. And this without a "wheel" or illegal gambling device.

St. James', Fordham has rebelled at the "Bazaar" and held an Annual Gift Day, November 11. Over \$900 had been realized at press time, by people giving instead of buying.

### Canon Sacrist Gets Credit for Cathedral Services—Blame Too

The dramatic arrangements for the Diocesan Mission in the Cathedral were the handiwork of its canon sacrist, the Rev. Edward Nason West, D.D., O.B.E.

The Canon Sacrist's office is responsible for the preparation of all services held in the Cathedral, whether regular or special and the canon sacrist, himself, is automatically Master of Ceremonies of these services, and in addition is personally responsible for everything the Cathedral owns by way of furniture and appurtenances.

As Canon West put it, "if anything goes wrong, my office is blamed; and, what makes it worse, in nine cases out of ten, it should be!"



Canon West

\$100,000 is the amount needed to meet the \$375,000 commitment made by the Diocesan Convention to the National Church and to our own Diocesan Missionary Organizations for the year 1948.

"Go ye into all the world" has a special appeal at Christmas. A designated gift for the Program of the Church through your parish or mission will help us meet our goal.

The above appeal comes from the treasurer's office.

## Seven Churches Offer Gifts for Puerto Rico

Seven churches, representing four convocations, gave a total of \$86.13 last month in response to the National Council appeal for a Youth Sunday offering, to be used for the young people of the Church in Puerto Rico as follows:

<i>Christ Church, Suffern</i> .....	\$29.00
<i>St. Bartholomew's, N. Y. C.</i> .....	16.47
<i>Church of St. Edward the Martyr, N. Y. C.</i> .....	11.00
<i>St. Simon, New Rochelle</i> .....	10.00
<i>St. Luke's, Beacon</i> .....	8.25
<i>St. John's in the Village, N. Y. C.</i> .....	6.50
<i>St. Stephen's, Woodlawn</i> .....	5.14

The Board of Religious Education has requested that if any offerings have not yet been sent, they be mailed to the Board or to the National Council, plainly marked, "Youth Offerings."

YOUTH SUNDAY OFFERING. As the Rev. Fessenden A. Nichols waits at the altar of Christ Church, Suffern, the youth ushers, Bruce Sutherland and Robert Collishaw present the youth offering to acolyte Russell Hunt at Morning Prayer last month.



# Getting the Pledge

This is a playlet in which a Canvasser, Mr. Hopeful, calls upon a prospective contributor to the Church, Judge Grouch.

Time: Designated Afternoon.

*(Judge Grouch, the largest contributor of Timothy's, has just seated canvasser, Mr. Hopeful, in Grouch's study. Grouch is scowling.)*

**Grouch:** Come in! Come in!

**Hopeful:** Good Morning Judge. Could I see you for a few minutes?

**Grouch:** Hello Hopeful. What bad news brings you here? Sit down.

**Hopeful:** I want to pick up your pledge for next year. You received that letter about next year's budget, didn't you?

**Grouch:** Yes, and I must say you birds on the Vestry are doing a rotten job. Take that first item. Why are we paying the new rector \$3600 plus the Rectory and heat and light? Couldn't you go out and get a young seminary graduate for about \$2,000?

**Hopeful:** I know you don't really believe that, Mr. Grouch. There are forty vacancies in our Diocese that cannot be filled right now. Anyway just look at our church; you know about all the activity we've had the last couple of years. We feel that all of these things are good for the parish and that the church is growing again. We want a good man to assure our future. In these days of higher costs and salaries we don't want to shop around for dead beats and inexperience. A good man is going to leave us and we want a good man to take his place. It was a matter of getting a good man or none at all — we wouldn't settle for less.

**Grouch:** I guess you're right, Hopeful, but let me ask you — what about that next item, clergy pension and supply? It looks high to me.

**Hopeful:** Maybe it is a little high but we can't help that. We are required to pay in a portion of the rector's salary each year for his retirement fund — every church has to do that. Included in that is \$25. a Sunday for a supply clergyman during the four-Sunday vacation we grant the rector.

**Grouch:** Vacation! Do you mean to say we let him have a four week vacation.

**Hopeful:** That's right.

**Grouch:** Can you imagine that. You know, Hopeful, the devil never takes a vacation.

**Hopeful:** That's right, Mr. Grouch, and if our rector never took a vacation he'd be a devil too.

**Grouch:** All right, you win. But look at what our music is costing us. For my money you could take the whole choir, organ and organist and throw them all into the ash cans.

**Hopeful:** Well you're about the only one that feels that way. Most folks enjoy the music too, and we do have a nice organ. Like any delicate instrument it has to be kept in good repair. The music will cost us less this year than last anyway.

**Grouch:** That's good. But this Diocesan Assessment. What the deuce is that?

**Hopeful:** That Mr. Grouch is like death and taxes . . . we can't avoid it. The Diocese has expenses too and has levied us with that portion of the burden.

**Grouch:** I know. Don't talk to me about taxes — and Truman. How did he get in anyway?

**Hopeful:** Don't ask me — but let's go down the list some more if you want to.

**Grouch:** We might as well. It might be more encouraging.

**Hopeful:** It is! Building and grounds, salaries and maintenance — and operating expenses. We know from previous years just about how these will run. Fuel, electricity, telephone, insurance, etc. average out just about the way we have it on the budget. But we might save here. We feel that we can make a good saving by controlling the heating of the parish house and the church. Someone is going to make sure that the heat is turned down after the buildings have been used for church activities. The choir is going to rehearse in the parish house instead of the church. We should really do better here. At least we are trying.

**Grouch:** Well, Hopeful, I believe you are trying and I'm glad of it.

**Hopeful:** I thought you'd see it our way Mr. Grouch. As a matter of fact, if you could pledge five or ten percent more this year it would help a lot.

**Grouch:** Certainly my boy! Certainly!

(SIGNS PLEDGE)

**Grouch:** By the way, what's this item for a new fence around the cemetery?

**Hopeful:** Well, the old one has deteriorated and is falling down so we decided to build a new one.

**Grouch:** Well don't expect anything from me. You don't need a fence at the cemetery at all. Those on the inside can't get out and those on the outside don't want to get in.

**Hopeful:** Thank you anyway, Judge Grouch. Goodbye.

### CURTAIN

## "Old Age Study" Sends Out Two Questionnaires

Two questionnaires to learn what services are actually being given to the aged by our parishes have been sent to each rector and priest-in-charge by the Study of the Care of the Aged, authorized by the 1948 Diocesan Convention under the auspices of The Commission on Christian Social Relations.

The Committee in charge of the study consists of the following members of the Commission:

Rev. Harold F. Hobly  
Rev. Gerald V. Barry  
Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop  
Mrs. Harvey W. Culp  
Rev. George H. Hann  
Dr. Walter Pettit  
Mrs. Mary Simkhovitch  
Rev. Leland B. Henry

plus the following advisory members

Miss E. M. Greenwood  
Mrs. Guy Beaver King  
Rev. Otis R. Rice  
Dr. A. P. Merrill  
Mr. Richard P. Kent  
Rev. Gordon C. Graham  
Rev. Charles E. Gus  
Mrs. Muriel Lenton  
Rev. Arnold Purdie  
Miss Louise Coe

The forms follow closely the method used by Vassar College in a similar study, and information secured will provide the basis for recommendations for a Diocesan program to meet the problems of old age.

The study is under the direction of Linda Wharton. Mrs. Beatrice M. Hetzler, of the Welfare Council, is secretary.

## Cold Spring Men Produced Play

*The foregoing skit, written by JOHN S. MARSH, chairman, of the finance committee of the vestry of St. Mary's Church in the Highlands, Cold Spring on Hudson, was presented November 14, at the breakfast which followed the Holy Communion launching the church's Every Member Canvass. At 6:00 p.m. the same day, the canvassers returned to the church for supper.*

*The rector, the Rev. H. A. Griswold reported that 28 canvassers called on 150 persons and secured 132 pledges, 67% of the estimated 163 pledges. This was the third E.M.C. for St. Mary's, and represents an increase from 66 pledges in 1946.*

*LAWRENCE GENT, clerk of the vestry, and SEYMOUR FLEMING, choir member, filled the roles of "Judge Grouch" and "Mr. Hopeful."*



**BEFORE AND AFTER.** *At the left is the fire-gutted shell of what had once been St. Mary's, West New Brighton after the disaster of August 12, 1947. At right is the rebuilt church which was reconsecrated by Bishop Donegan last month. The cost of the entire restoration has been met.*

## Variety of Canvass Methods Now in Use

Throughout the Diocese for the past month, vestries and advisory boards have been organizing Every Member Canvasses.

In response to a query from the BULLETIN, a great variety of individual practice has been reported, ranging from "no canvass" in some Manhattan parishes to a highly articulated effort in others.

First, there is a complete visitation as practiced at St. John's, Larchmont. Prior to 1941 their canvass was conducted by mail and those who did not respond were called on. Since 1941, no pledge card has been mailed. A letter is sent from the rector, the Rev. Francis J. H. Coffin, asking each member of the congregation to remain at home to receive the canvasser on a certain afternoon. Each warden and vestryman is made a team captain. He is given about twenty

names of men who might be willing to work with him. The aim is to increase the number of canvassers so that no man will have to make more than three or four visits. Any calls not made are followed up by the team captain.

A canvassers' dinner is held immediately before the canvass, when the details are gone over, the budget explained and a speaker provides inspiration.

In 1944, 60 canvassers secured 381 pledges aggregating \$16,000; in 1945, 130 canvassers secured 486 pledges totaling \$23,000; in 1947, 153 canvassers produced \$28,500 in pledges from 540 subscribers. Figures on this year's canvass are not yet complete but at this writing 128 canvassers have secured pledges of \$24,500 from 380 persons. As many as possible of the calls are made in one day.

The second method generally in use provides for mailing the pledge card and planning to have each pledge card picked up by a visitor. St. Mary's, West New Brighton and Christ Church, Pelham Manor among others, use this.

St. Thomas', Mamaroneck, combines a canvass by mail followed by visitation. In mid-September a general letter to some 600 families and individuals stat-

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## Glergy Notes

*The Rev. C. A. W. Brocklebank*, rector of St. Mark's Church in the Bouwerie from 1937 to 1943 and more recently a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, died on October 31st. The funeral service was held in St. Mark's, conducted by Bishop Donegan assisted by the Rev. Richard E. McEvoy, rector.

*The Rev. O. Roy Greene*, assistant minister at St. George's Church, Newburgh, died suddenly on November 14th. The funeral service was conducted by Bishop Donegan, assisted by the Rev. Frank L. Carruthers, rector and the Rev. George M. Jones.

*The Rev. Robert M. Bradner*, rector of St. Margaret's Church, Staatsburg from 1929 died on November 15. The funeral was conducted by Bishop Donegan, assisted by Dean J. B. Myers and the Rev. Gordon L. Kidd.

*The Rev. James A. Doubleday*, assistant minister at St. George's Church, New York City, since 1945, has accepted a call to become locum tenens at St. John's Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

### Parish Canvass Methods Used in the Diocese

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ing problems and needs was sent out. On October 1st, 370 letters enclosing a pledge card were mailed to regular contributors: 255 of these responded immediately. Those who did not respond and others were included in the visitations which began October 17th. Most calls were made on one day and all were completed within two weeks.

St. Peter's, Peekskill and St. John's, Yonkers also use the combination mailed pledge card and visit method.

There are a considerable number of parishes who conduct their canvass by mailing the pledge card to the contributor and asking that it be returned either in person on a designated Sunday, or else mailed. Christ Church, Bronxville and Christ Church, Yonkers, among others use this method.

## St. John's, Pleasantville Restoration Completed

A service of thanksgiving celebrated the re-opening of St. John's, Pleasantville, last month.

Following complete structural restoration of the exterior, the work of renovating the interior was completed this past summer. The entire reconstruction cost more than \$25,000, which has been paid in full. The rector, the Rev. Emmons P. Burrill, said this sum represented more than the original cost of the building.

The last of the windows was also dedicated at the time of the thanksgiving service. This window was the gift of Caroline Choate, and was given not as a memorial but dedicated to the peace of the world and understanding among nations.

### Church Serves as Public School For Kindergarteners in Calicoon

The Rev. Frank L. Benfield, vicar of St. James', Calicoon (sometimes called the farthest outpost of the Diocese), reports that the church is performing an unusual community service.

Because of the "deplorable overcrowded condition" in the public school at Calicoon, the undercroft of St. James' had been turned into a kindergarten, with beds, sandbox, paints, etc. for the kiddies.

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## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

At ST. THOMAS', Rev. Roelij H. Brooks, S.T.D., explains legacy of the late Mrs. Arthur H. Lippincott, (in neighborhood \$2,000,000) will be granted by church vestry largely to Diocesan institutions and that parish still needs local support . . . beautiful reredos and furnishings of Chapel of the Prince of Peace were dedicated by Bishop Gilbert at ST. JAMES', Fordham.

ST. STEPHEN'S, Pearl River, heard Leah Current, Ruth Churchill, Laura Boucher, Philip DelPisso, and Emmanuel Gnat in a joint music service with ST. JOHN'S, New City, choir with their director Sophie Butterfass . . . and loud huzzahs for new army rule permitting youths to register as "Episcopalians" instead of undefined protestant as heretofore . . . Dutchess School of Religion closed November 15 at ST. PAUL'S, Poughkeepsie says Rev. J. Willard Yoder who gets about considerable.

The Magnificat Window dedicated November 7 at ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S "in loving memory of Lyman Candee by his wife, Clara Louise Candee . . . Verdi's Requiem Mass sung December 6 at Ascension by Ruth Diehl, Mary Hopphe, Lucius Metz, Paul King . . . and ASCENSION rector, Rev. Roscoe T. Foust, D.D. asks help for Bishop Bravid W. Harris, Liberia, who needs an Encyclopedia for Cuttington College in Liberia.

CHURCH UNITY. Canon Sparks received following letter, "We, the Junior Confirmation Class, of Zion Lutheran Church wish to express our deep appreciation for the fine hospitality shown to us when we visited the Cathedral. We certainly appreciated the "cokes." Signed individually by 17 members.

Repeating a "good idea," GRACE, Nyack, has a Thursday night Prayer Group . . . also the decision by the Supreme Court of New York okaying Released Time Schools . . . It's now legal to "teach" religion . . .

BOOKS BY US: *Clouds of Thought* by Mrs. Lucette Prichard, Richard Smith Publisher and *Man and Christmas Verse* by the Rev. Brett Langstaff, Emmerson Publisher.

Thoughtful CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY urged members to invite secretaries and clerks of U.N. to Thanksgiving dinner . . . *St. Luke's Home for Aged Women* held annual sale November 17-18 . . . Chinese Auction reported a big success at CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, Tottenville . . . *Walter Rose* crowned King of St. Mary's Court, Order of Sir Galahad, by ST. MARY'S rector, Dr. Ackley.

We note the death of one of the oldest subscribers to the BULLETIN, Miss Mary Jane Edwards, on the list since February 3,

1926 . . . also TRINITY, Mt. Vernon lost Miss Eva Vaughan by death, a communicant for 71 years .

Rector Tongue, of ST. ANDREW'S soon to preach without fear of church chimney falling on his head, thanks to \$300 gift from Women's Guild and Daughters of St. Andrew . . . Congrats to *St. George's Banner*, Newburgh, new church publication on its slick format and typography . . . and while upstate we note the Rev. Robert Gay held annual service for the Orange County Volunteer Firemen's Association (of which he is chaplain) at GRACE, Port Jervis.

Ramapo Church School Teachers' Institute hearing ever-working Rev. Llewellyn O. Diplock and the peripatetic educator Rev. J. Willard Yoder with Rev. E. Spencer Gilley . . . Rev. Paul Armstrong assisted by amiable deacon Rev. Edward C. Chandler who may be advanced to priesthood by now . . . Hope Quinto gave altar flowers and new choir hymn boards to ST. JOHN'S, Cornwall in memory of her mother . . . CHRIST CHURCH, New Brighton, S. I., thanked ex-sexton Henry Knudsen for 34 years service with \$1,523 gift.

Rev. Shelton Hale Bishop celebrated 25 years with ST. PHILIP'S, second largest Episcopal Church in U. S.



Rev. S. H. Bishop

ST. PETER'S, Stone Ridge, entertained Rev. "Sam" Shoemaker (really "Doctor") and Mrs. Shoemaker . . . ST. JOHN'S, Getty Square, fulfilling its historic civic role with a "full-house" joint Reformation Day service for

Yonkers. FRANK SCHIRP a Christmas (and other) card selling fixture at ST. MARK'S, Yonkers . . . Mrs. Crozier (everybody in ST. PETER'S, Port Chester, knows her even if we don't know her first name) launched Sunday School Pageant, "The Gift," November 21 . . . she also edits their *Church School Bulletin* . . . hope we get a copy . . . Boy choristers Harry and Alexander Hall, Kenneth and William Lipscomb, Elmer and Ernest Fuhrmann, William Boggus, Pete Dallou, and Robert LeBlanc (who apparently have no brothers) vested at REDEEMER, Pelham.

General Seminary players presenting "The Devil to Pay," December 9, 10, 11 at Seabury Hall of Seminary . . . Mrs. Robert A. Manell, Jr., president of ST. JAMES Hyde Park Auxiliary entertained Auxiliaries of area . . . Auxiliary of MESSIAH, Rhinebeck, donated 20 kneelers to their parish . . . and Auxiliary at ST. MARK'S CHURCH IN-THE-BOUWERIE heard how Agnes Sligh Turnbull wrote "The Bishop's Mantle."