

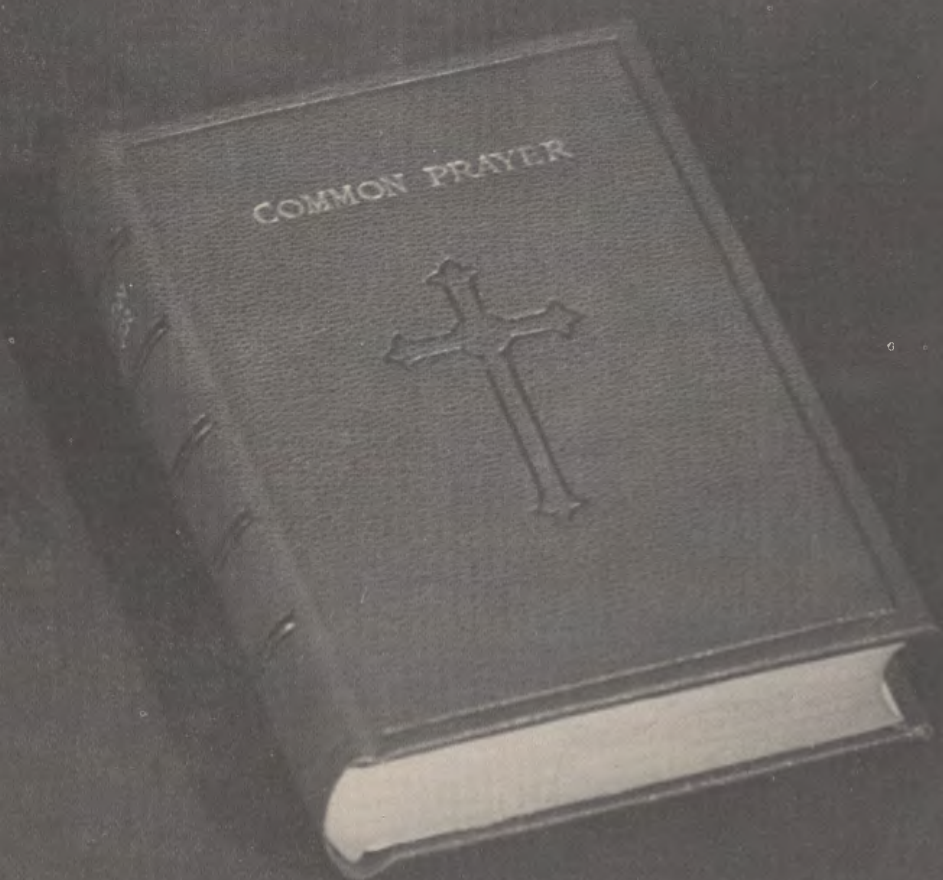
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CALENDAR: MARCH & APRIL

BISHOP GILBERT			
	March 15	9:30 a.m.	March 27
5:00 p.m.	St. Peter's School, Peekskill (C)	7:30 p.m.	St. George's Association Breakfast, Hotel Astor
	March 16		March 30
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	8:00 p.m.	Holy Comforter, Eltingville, S. I. (C)
	March 17		April 1
8:00 p.m.	St. John's Church, Stamford, Conn.	8:00 p.m.	Christ Church, Pelham Manor
	March 20		April 3
11:00 a.m.	St. John's, Manhattan (C)	11:00 a.m.	St. John's, Yonkers (C)
8:00 p.m.	Incarnation Parish, Manhattan (C)	5:00 p.m.	St. Edward the Martyr, Manhattan (C)
	March 23		April 6
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	11:00 a.m.	St. Mark's, Manhattan (C)
	March 24		April 10
12:30 p.m.	Institute Director, Seamen's Church Institute	4:30 p.m.	St. Thomas, Manhattan (C)
	March 27		April 12
11:00 a.m.	St. David's, Highland Mills (C)	5:30 p.m.	St. James', Manhattan
4:00 p.m.	Happy Valley Farm School, Pomona (C)		April 13
	March 30	5:30 p.m.	St. James', Manhattan
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral		April 14
	April 3	5:30 p.m.	St. James', Manhattan
11:00 a.m.	Christ's Church, Rye (C)	8:00 p.m.	St. Andrew's, Bronx (C)
	April 5		April 15
8:00 p.m.	Larchmont, Lenten Address at Union Service	12:00 noon	St. George's, Newburgh
	April 6	8:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity, (St. James'), Manhattan
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral	BISHOP CAMPBELL	
8:30 p.m.	All Souls' Church, Manhattan (C)		March 20
	April 10	8:00 p.m.	Ascension, West Park and Holy Trinity, Highland (C)
11:00 a.m.	Cathedral		March 27
4:00 p.m.	St. George's, Manhattan (C)	11:30 a.m.	Christ Church, Warwick (C)
	April 13	8:00 p.m.	St. James', Fordham (C)
10:00 a.m.	Cathedral		April 3
	April 14	11:00 a.m.	St. George's, Newburgh (C)
12:00 noon	Seamen's Church Institute.	4:00 p.m.	Good Shepherd, Newburgh (C)
	BISHOP DONEGAN		April 10
	March 15	11:00 a.m.	St. Stephen's, Manhattan (C)
8:00 p.m.	Good Shepherd, Wakefield St. George's, Williamsbridge (C)	4:00 p.m.	Transfiguration, Manhattan (C)
	March 16	BISHOP LITTELL	
8:00 p.m.	St. Thomas', Mamaroneck		March 27
	March 18	11:00 a.m.	St. Barnabas', Irvington (C)
8:00 p.m.	St. Clement's, Mt. Vernon (C)		BISHOP HART
	March 20		March 27
8:00 p.m.	St. Luke's, Convent Ave. (C)	4:00 p.m.	St. Bartholomew's, Manhattan (C)
8:00 p.m.	St. John's, Cornwall (C)		BISHOP CHANG
11:00 a.m.	Ascension, S.I., Formal Opening		April 10
	March 23	11:00 a.m.	All Saints', Henry Street (C)
8:00 p.m.	St. Edmund's, Bronx (C)		Note: C—Confirmation.
	March 25		
8:00 p.m.	St. Mary's, Mohegan Lake		
	Good Shepherd, Granite Springs (C)		

The Bishop's Message:

LENT IS SEASON OF SELF-DENIAL

Dear Friends of the Clergy and Laity:

Another Lenten Season is upon us. The Prayer Book tells us that Lent is a season during which "the Church requires such a measure of abstinence as is especially suited to extraordinary acts and exercises of devotion." I hope that our people in their observance of these forty days will keep the emphasis where the Prayer Book places it. It is the deepening of our spiritual lives that should be our great concern. Let us not think of it merely as a dreary and morbid period during which we are expected to forego harmless pleasures. The abstinence we practice can have little value except as it leads to more willing and honest acts and exercises of devotion.

We are bidden to take stock of our own inner lives—to seek out our failures and our shortcomings. But that can have little value unless our penitence leads to the amendment of our lives and more complete dedication of ourselves to our Master's service.

Let us look upon the Lenten Season as a precious opportunity, and be thankful for the privileges it provides. Following upon the inspiring experience that our Diocesan Mission brought to us, those privileges should mean more to us this year than ever before. They can be made to deepen the new life and new spirit that have come to us.

Our Committee on Evangelism is actively engaged in devising means for conserving the great spiritual gains with which God has blessed us. Recent conferences of our clergy in various parts of the Diocese have made for closer fellowship and cooperation. We have reason to believe that the morale of our Diocese is being greatly strengthened. This should make Lent for all of us a time for acts and exercises of devotion more real and earnest than we have ever known before.

And Lent is a season of self-denial. We forego some of our personal indulgences not merely as a matter of self-discipline, but as a willing sacrifice to our Lord and for the work of His Church. We have before us an important project whereby that sacrifice can be made of practical and lasting benefit. Our Cornerstone Campaign is still under way. There is much encouragement in the response that has come. But we have yet to reach our objective.

I earnestly hope that "the acts and exercises" of our people's Lenten devotions will be reflected in their generous support of this great Diocesan endeavor.

Charles Gilbert

Challenges Men to "Tithe for Christ"

"I'm sick and tired of our Bishops having to get up and plead for money as they are doing for the \$150,000 for the Cornerstone Campaign for sorely needed building. I wonder what would happen if every Episcopalian suddenly decided he would from this day give one-tenth of his earnings back to God!" said the Rev. Frank C. Leeming, headmaster of St. Peter's School, Peekskill.

The Rev. Mr. Leeming was challenging a breakfast group at Trinity, Ossining, on February 22 who had attended a corporate Communion as part of the approximately 1,000 men and boys throughout the Diocese who took Washington's Birthday as a time to re-dedicate their lives to Christ.

The Cornerstone Campaign and the need for a more real devotional life was stressed at the other Communion breakfasts at All Saints', Briarcliff; at Christ Church for the Convocation of Richmond; St. Philip's, Manhattan; and Holy Nativity for the Bronx Convocation. The services were inspired by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

At the Trinity, Ossining, meeting the Rev. Mr. Leeming linked devotion to Christ with giving. He said, "If Episcopalians were tithers we would not tie the hands of our National Director of Christian Education by giving him only

Announces Training Institute For Urban Church Workers

A Training Institute for urban workers of the Episcopal Church sponsored jointly by Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and the National Council was announced last month by the Bishop.

The sessions which will be held in Chicago, June 14-23 will be headed by the Rev. Almon R. Pepper, D.D., and the Rev. Joseph G. Moore. Tuition is \$40.

The curriculum includes lectures, seminars, and field trips around the general subject of the City and the Church.

THE COVER

As 1949 marks the 400th year of the first Prayer Book in the English language, the dramatic picture taken by A. Leonard Gustafson, reminds us of the most ready guide to spiritually helpful Lenten exercises, our own Prayer Book, which should be part of our daily life.

Lenten Holy Days

Asb Wednesday	March 2
Ember Days	March 9, 11, 12
Annunciation	March 25
Passion Sunday	April 3
Palm Sunday	April 10
Maundy Thursday	April 14
Good Friday	April 15

\$67,000 to work with when the Presbyterians spend more than \$2,000,000, the Methodists well over \$1,000,000, the Lutherans nearly \$2,000,000 and the Baptists \$800,000! Neither would our Church schools and colleges have to beg from door to door."

Archdeacon Bratt spoke on the Cornerstone Campaign on the same program, outlining the missionary needs which "must be met if we would meet the challenge of these times."

The Rev. Alexander A. Frier also pleaded for the Diocesan building fund drive before the Richmond meeting which was the largest of the groups. Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, retired, executive vice-president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, also spoke.

Ralston C. Young, famous "Red Cap 42 of Track No. 13" addressed the Bronx group. The Rev. Shelton H. Bishop spoke to his own parish.

Annual Diocesan Youth Rally at The Cathedral Set for April 23

The Bishop has approved the date of Saturday, April 23, for the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally at the Cathedral. All young people of the parishes of the diocese from 14 to 25 years of age are urged to participate.

"Cornerstone" Campaign Draws National Interest

Papers, Magazines, Newsreel Seek Story

Mrs. Lamereau sent a crumpled dollar bill to the treasurer's office for the "Cornerstone" Campaign. She had heard of the need of the various missions, and she had responded.

Mrs. Lamereau is a resident of the Orange County Farm, Goshen, N. Y., and the chaplain by whom she sent the donation was puzzled as to where she had found a dollar. However, this simple act summarizes the wide-spread interest excited by the diocesan effort to raise \$150,000 to "build the Church by building churches," for a letter from Red Hook said, "Though I cannot afford to build a church, perhaps the enclosed (\$2) will supply a doorknob for the Cornerstone Campaign."

At St. Paul's, Bronx, when the Archdeacon had finished telling of the need in the diocesan mission field, a lady said, "I'm only a typist, but I want to pledge a week's salary to the campaign. I want others to enjoy the beauty of worship too." And the people of St. Martha's, North White Plains, one of the beneficiaries of the effort, gave \$500, their savings over several years, to the fund.

In like manner, St. David's, Bronx, gave triple its \$50 quota.

The press reacted to the story strongly. Emma Bugbee in a signed piece on the front page of the New York Herald Tribune, January 25, reported the campaign in great detail which included a 3-column picture of a pre-engineered church. She closed with an "agony line" directing checks to be sent to the treasurer. The New York Times carried a 3-column picture of the Bishops, the Archdeacon, and the Rev. Dr. Louis W. Pitt, with a full story.

The Chicago Sunday Tribune featured the campaign. The Witness, the Living Church, the Southern Church-



CHILDREN in the doorway of the present basement structure which serves as a church building for St. Simon's, New Rochelle, seem to ask, "Are you really going to build us a Church?"

man carried several items and pictures. The Living Church carried a reprint of the New York Times picture as its cover February 13. The All-American Newsreel from Chicago telephoned to arrange coverage of the first construction, and local and city papers throughout the nation received the release through the United and Associated press associations.

The Southern Churchman editorialized February 12, "The Diocese of New York is showing courageous new vision these days! . . . Other dioceses and congregations planning to build might well consult New York."

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"Cornerstone" Campaign Draws National Interest

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And letters, comments and questions poured in from other Christian bodies, architects, synagogues, hospitals, and others, from as far South as New Orleans and as far North as Maine, as far West as Illinois, as well as from nearby New Jersey and Long Island. A firm in Sweden joined the throng eager to do work on the project.

Presbyterian Life, the Presbyterian national magazine, said February 19, "If the 'Cornerstone Campaign' . . . is a success, Episcopalians in eight metropolitan New York communities will be worshipping in a new type of church by the end of the year."

Within the Diocese, many churches are making special efforts to subscribe their fair share. Christ Church, Suffern, is dedicating their Lenten "dime cards" to the campaign. Grace, West Farms, is donating all the loose money placed in the collection plate on the Sundays in February as well as distributing special envelopes. The Vestry and Women's Association of St. James, Manhattan have determined to use the proceeds from their Annual Spring Festival for the "Cornerstone" Campaign. St. Ignatius, Manhattan, in addition to having a special service and distributing envel-

St. Peter's School, Peekskill Sets Scholarship Competition

A free high school scholarship is offered to some boy of the Diocese, by St. Peter's School, Peekskill, by action of the school's board last month.

A selective achievement test of approved applicants will be held at the school Saturday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m. The headmaster, the Rev. Frank C. Leeming, advised that applicants should forward a recommendation from their rector together with their school records immediately.

The scholarship will cover the full 4-year high school course in preparation for college work, although boys now in high school may compete for the balance of their preparatory work.



Religious News Photo

THE BISHOP chats with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Dr. William G. Mather at the Human Rights Conference sponsored by the Human Relations Commission of the Protestant Council of the City of New York last month. The conference urged vigorous church action in support of human rights.

opes, is giving the proceeds from their young people's play to the fund.

Behind the Prayer for the "Cornerstone" Campaign, authorized by the Bishop, the clergy of the Diocese have effectively urged support of the effort. "It is our great good fortune to worship comfortably in one of the most beautiful churches in this country. We must not, we dare not, be unmindful of our brethren who are not so fortunate," said the Rev. Dr. Pitt to his people at Grace, Manhattan. "Every member of St. Mary's should plan his own offering as a thank offering for his privilege in worshipping in a church which he did not have to build," said the Rev. Dr. Grieg Taber. The Rev. Harold F. Hohly, Christ Church, Bronxville, termed the campaign the "most important and vital venture in the history of the Diocese."

"We must not leave the expanding Church to others — WE must help it reach out," said the Rev. Richard E. McEvoy, although his parish is engaged in a drive for \$225,000.

The Rev. Hanford L. King, Mediator, Bronx, said, "It might be a very healthy situation for all of us if we were forced to swap places for a few months with, for example, the Vicar and the parishioners of St. Martha's. Worshipping in a small basement would be quite a drastic change for us, wouldn't it?"

"GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN!"

A "Foreign" Mission Evangelizes at Our Nation's Front Door

This nation rose in the name of Christ's freedom, and He still stands at our doorway on Ellis Island, through the daily ministrations of a project of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary Christian Social Relations Committee. Its objective, as described by Alice Palmer, the worker assigned to this foreign mission post in a domestic setting, is "to put newcomers in touch with the church in the community in which they settle."



Miss Palmer

Miss Palmer maintains a close tie with port chaplains both here and abroad. Names of immigrants arriving on certain ships are sent by air mail or cable. These she meets and helps through the landing process, and refers for church followup.

In addition, at Ellis Island, there are immigrants detained for further medical check-up, for bonds, or inspection of documents. Seamen waiting for documents to get into other countries, or for re-shipping, need games, reading

PRAYER: "To Pass This Day in Gladness and Peace"

Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may praise Thee, the eternal God, who art blessed, and dost govern all things; world without end. Amen.

from parish leaflet of CHRIST CHURCH, Suffern.

matter, and often clothing which is sent through the supply department of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The service functions under the supervision of the Episcopal City Mission Society.

Presentation Service May 21st

The Annual Presentation Service of the Church School Missionary Offerings will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, May 21, it was announced last month by the Rev. J. Willard Yoder of the Board of Religious Education.

Lenten mite boxes and a study course on Puerto Rico have been provided by the National Council.

THE PROCESSION leaves the chancel of the Cathedral at the close of the 6th Annual Fellowship Service sponsored by the Interracial Fellowship and the Protestant Council. The Rev. Toru Matsumoto was the speaker.



Bishop's Conferences with Clergy Year's Progress in Evangelism

The Bishops' Conferences with the clergy, held during February, in the respective convocations, climaxed on the 28th at the Synod House, Cathedral close, with the return of the Presiding Bishop, the Right Reverend Henry Knox Sherrill to speak again to the assembled clergy of the entire Diocese.

The presence of the Presiding Bishop dramatized the spiritual activity in the Diocese in the last year since December 7, 1947 when he urged the clergy to share in the nation-wide program of evangelism.

The clergy conferences were led by members of the Diocesan Committee on Evangelism, appointed by the Bishop; namely, Bishop Donegan, chairman, Archdeacon Bratt, and the Rev. Messrs. Shelton H. Bishop, Frank C. Leeming, Lynde E. May, John Mulligan, James A. Pike, Samuel Shoemaker, and Grieg Taber.

The Bishop, who addressed the morning sessions, spoke of the development of closer cooperation among the clergy as one of the richest fruits to come from the past year's endeavors. He called the recent Diocesan Mission a dramatic spiritual fruition of the evangelistic effort, and termed the Cornerstone Campaign, the missionary effort to raise \$150,000 "to build the Church by building churches," a concrete challenge to the peoples' awakened spirits.

Bishop Donegan chaired the sessions and led the morning devotions which included a litany that challenged the clergy to examine themselves for hypocrisy, intolerance, indolence, secularism, self-serving, triviality, or any of the other sins of vanity incompatible with their Christian calling. The afternoon sessions were led by Dr. Shoemaker and Dr. Taber. Dr. Pike participated in the conferences in Manhattan, Newburgh, and Poughkeepsie.



EVANGELISM Committee discusses future plans after meeting with the Bishop and Bishop Sherrill, Feb. 28. Seated, left to right, Bishop Donegan, Archdeacon Bratt, the Rev. F. C. Leeming. Standing, the Rev. Messrs. G. P. T. Sargent, L. E. May, J. A. Pike, J. M. Mulligan, S. H. Bishop, and Grieg Taber.

Dr. Pike used his parish to illustrate the growth of an evangelistic spirit in a congregation. He pointed out that immediately after the December 1947 clergy conference, he called in a group of 50 men and women to carry out a church survey of assets. The parish was divided into zones, and a thorough canvass was made. This activity gave him a parish list of 750 active persons.

He used the Diocesan Mission as an example of the religious attitude which should dominate the program.

"It brought the whole religious issue to a focus. A lot of people thought they were Christians. He showed some they were not Christians, and some

ergy Mark n Endeavor



were brought to the Christian faith." He said the response to the mission at Vassar College showed how preaching could "cause division among the people. The missionary made them see that being a Christian is taking a stand, be-

ing definite — not My-anity, or in-anity —but Christianity.

"He made us realize a person can have fine ethical standards and yet not be a Christian. Standing for Christ is being somewhere. When men do that, there will, of course, be conflict and often that conflict is a measure of the reality of our faith."

Dr. Pike reported that church attendance on the part of students had increased, but warned that when the spirit begins to move in a parish, the clergyman may have some difficulty in trying to keep up with it.

Dr. Taber spoke on the personal life of the clergy and stressed the need for a rule of life for clergymen which should be stricter than "MY CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT," the rule of life for laymen prepared by the Committee on Evangelism of which over 60,000 copies were distributed last Lent. The priest's rule should be built on Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, he said. "We ought to be glad of our heritage as priests. If we don't have an inner discipline, we are denying our Christian vows. The rule of life is an antidote to officialdom and spiritual laziness."

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WESTCHESTER clergy conference heard (seated left to right) the Bishop, Bishop Donegan, and the dean, the Rev. Lynde E. May, III. Standing are the Rev. Harvey H. Guthrie and the Rev. C. Ronald Garmey, rector of the host church, St. Bartholomew's.



Announce Diocesan Missioners School

A School for Missioners will be held June 13, 14, 15 at St. Peter's School, Peekskill, it was decided at the February 28th meeting of the Diocesan Committee on Evangelism at Ogilvie House.

Meeting with Bishop Donegan, the chairman, the committee also arranged some of the details for the Diocesan Youth Mission to be held in the Fall with the Rev. Bryan Green. The Rev. Dr. George P. T. Sargent, rector of St. Bartholomew's, Manhattan, where the mission will close, met with the committee.

Tentative plans were also discussed for a Diocesan Service commemorating the 400th year of the translation of Prayer Book into English.

Bishops' Conferences with Clergy

Mark Progress in Evangelism

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Referring to evangelization, he said "personal individual instruction is more important than corporate instruction."

Dr. Shoemaker spoke on the clergyman's relationship with people and of the importance of meeting human need which he described as the removal of guilt and fear. He urged that it is the Church's responsibility to help people in distress; or, he added, "they will go to psychiatrists, some of whom do some good; or worse, perplexed persons will wander into the cults thinking the cults have a better answer. We have a better answer," he said, "but we have to be available to give it."

He listed human problems as Sex, Money, or Power; and said that salvation comes through Conversion, Prayer, Fellowship and Witness.

Mrs. Oliver Shaw Newell Dies

Mrs. Oliver Shaw Newell, wife of the rector emeritus of St. John's, Getty Square, Yonkers, died in Yonkers on February 10. The Bishop officiated at the funeral on February 12th.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Newell is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Helen N. Thirlwall.



"RED BARBER," sports' commentator and chairman of the St. Barnabas House Fund Raising Committee, watches Bidou Sayao, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera autograph an album of the complete Columbia recording of her performance as Mimi in "La Boheme."

St. Barnabas House to Receive First 'Guests'

The new St. Barnabas House Building, on the old site of Mulberry and Bleeker Streets in New York City's Lower East Side, is nearly completed and the children's section should be ready for occupancy April 1st, it was announced by the New York Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society last month.

St. Barnabas House, which was built in large part through the generosity of devoted churchmen, will be the only shelter in New York City for women and children.

Form Manhattan Education Body

Twenty clergy and directors of religious education of the Convocation of Manhattan met at St. Bartholomew's for luncheon on February 8.

The group decided to meet semi-annually, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Dr. Charles P. Deems of St. Bartholomew's, in cooperation with the Rev. J. Willard Yoder of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education, to consider the religious educational problems of Manhattan.

Forty Aged Deaf Seek New "Home"

The reorganized Church Mission to Deaf Mutes took as its most urgent task the finding of a new home for the aged deaf, at their annual meeting under the chairmanship of the Bishop, February 23.

The Gallaudet Home for the aged deaf, now in Wappingers Falls, must move because of nearby quarrying operations. Accommodations for forty aged deaf persons are still being anxiously sought.

The principle action of the meeting was the reduction of its board of trustees from twenty-five members to ten, and the transfer of the religious work of the society in the Diocese to the Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society. This action leaves the operation of the home as the primary function of the group.

In order to bring the trustees into closer contact with the home, the members of the society elected several residents of the area, to the board of trustees. The Rev. Richard L. Harbour, rector of Zion Church, Wappingers Falls, was elected vice-president, and Rufus T. Bush of New Hamburg, Frank Roberts, Jr., and Mrs. Robert H. Breed of Wappingers Falls were elected trustees. Mrs. Breed is a member of the Lady Board of Managers of the Gallaudet Home, of which board Mrs. E. B. Taylor of Poughkeepsie is president.

Other trustees elected were Theodor Oxholm, treasurer, Charles A. Bradford, secretary, Marsden B. Candler, Dr. Edwin E. Nies and Frederic D. H. Gilbert. Mr. Bradford is superintendent of the New York School for the Deaf at White Plains and Mr. Gilbert is secretary of the board of that school. Mr. Candler is a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. Dr. Nies conducts services for the deaf.

Churches are requested to make preliminary reports on the progress of the "Cornerstone" Campaign as soon as the parish expectation can be determined.

The replies received from many congregations have been tremendously encouraging. But because of the nationwide attention the "Cornerstone" Campaign and its "pre-engineered" buildings attracted, we do not wish to make an announcement until the general outline of the giving pattern is clear.

Cut St. Mark's in the-Bouwerie Debt

St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie has paid off a mortgage and other debts totaling \$115,000 and has increased its parish roll to 300 in five years, the rector announced last month in connection with the parish drive for \$225,000 to rehabilitate the 150-year-old structure and finance an educational program.



Rev. Richard McEvoy

The rector, the Rev. Richard E. McEvoy, credited the success of the drive to date to the efforts of the treasurer of the church's vestry, William E. Scolah.

Women of All Lands in World Day of Prayer

The women of the Diocese joined with the women of many denominations in the fellowship of prayer the world around on Friday, March 4.

World Day of Prayer began this year in the Fiji Islands and New Zealand, inasmuch as Friday dawned there while the West was sleeping Thursday night. As the sun moved eastward, new groups in many places joined in the same universal service of worship.

A Prophecy of 1609 Is Fulfilled in 1949

When Hendrick Hudson sailed to Cornwall, September 15, 1609, he exclaimed, "This is a good place to build a town on." And yet, when five years ago the Rev. Bradford W. Ketchum and his wife arrived at the 90-year old St. John's Church on a stormy January night, carrying their month old daughter in a clothes basket, trailed by two small sons, well-meaning friends had advised against it unless he had a private income of his own.

But the Rev. Mr. Ketchum favored the sentiments of Hendrick Hudson, and St. John's is glad of it.

In the first year debts were paid off, including a \$1,000 note at the bank and several hundreds of dollars in back salary to the former rector. With the dead hand of debts lifted, the church came alive.

A quickened congregation increased in membership and in the giving of memorials which re-furbished the church. A new lighting system was installed by Mrs. Watkin Kneath in memory of her parents. Harry Keevill gave six solid brass altar lights in memory of his mother. Mrs. Louis Cheva-cheff presented an ancient lamp from a Greek Orthodox Church in the Near East to hang over the font. A Litany

Religious Education Library to Lend Presiding Bishop's Volume

The Board of Religious Education announces three new books available in their Lending Library: *How to Build Up Your Church School* by Weldon Crossland. The book emphasizes practical advice.

The Home of the Rural Pastor by Ralph A. Felton is an interdenominational study released to give a picture of the living conditions of rural pastors and to suggest improvements.

The Church's Ministry in Our Time, a challenging, inspirational volume by the Presiding Bishop, the Right Rev. Henry Knox Sherril, published by Scribners.



RURAL NEW YORK churches are best typified by the simple altar, chancel and choir of Holy Innocents, Highland Falls. This represents a tradition in upstate church architecture.

desk, sanctuary chairs, torches, hymnals and prayer books, altar book, processional cross, and a Communion chalice were memorials. The late Mrs. William Appleby-Robinson landscaped the church grounds and provided a new walk and steps in front of the tower. Charles Paolini repaired the tower clock and keeps it in accurate running order as a gift to the church.

In the meantime, the church, parish house and rectory had been painted, bricks pointed up, steeple repaired, and a new furnace installed in the rectory. \$4,000 was paid as the parish share of the St. Barnabas House Building Campaign, in addition to its regular Diocesan quotas and assessments.

As a fitting demonstration of the life in the parish, it was necessary to bring in chairs to accommodate the congregation at the midnight Christmas Eucharist.

Cornwall is now a better "place to build a town on" because of St. John's.

National Council Approves GFS

After an extensive study, the Department of Christian Education of the National Council approved the standards and accepted the G.F.S. as an Assisted Agency of the Department of Christian Education functioning through the Division of Youth. This gives the organization official standing within the Church.

"One Great Hour", March 26, Opens Appeal for World Relief

In a demonstration of Christian co-operation, over 75,000 churches across the country—representing nearly every major Christian denomination — have joined in a nationwide effort to raise the money required for World Relief of Churches for 1949.

Following the example of last year's Presiding Bishop's Appeal which over-subscribed the amount required of our Church, the interdenominational effort in which we are participating, is building its appeal around "One Great Hour" — a nationwide one-hour radio show to be broadcast over virtually every major radio station, Saturday night, March 26, from ten to eleven.

"One Great Hour," written and directed by Robert Sherwood will dramatize the work done through America's churches in Europe and Asia to meet the desperate need of these people — for food and clothing.

Robert Jordan, the promotional director of the National Council who is on loan to direct the appeal, estimates that the program will reach over 50,000,000 persons. It is hoped that contributions taken on the next Sunday, March 27, will provide a large part of the funds necessary for the work of the many churches overseas during 1949.



G.F.S. Closes "Holiday House" For Lack of Financial Support

The Diocesan Council and the Board of Directors of the Girls' Friendly Society of the Diocese of New York, Inc., recently voted to sell the property at Monroe, New York, which the Society has owned for twenty-five years and on which it has operated its Holiday House and Camp.

The cost of operating this summer service has increased considerably in the past few years. The society has no endowment to absorb deficits. It exhausted its very small reserve when the society was unable to secure sufficient contributions to meet expenses not covered by the income from board.

*Scenes of "Happy Days" now closed
to the girls of the Diocese.*



Glergy Notes

The Rev. Walter J. Gratton, chaplain of the Seamen's Church Institute since 1943 died February 27 at St. Luke's Hospital.

Mr. Gratton was ordered deacon in 1915 and ordained priest in 1917. In 1934 he became a chaplain of the City Mission Society. He had also served St. James', Callicoon and All Saints', Mariners Harbor.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Kate Elizabeth Gratton, and a daughter, Mrs. Muriel Weise.

The Reverend Richard M. Doubs, vicar of St. Thomas Chapel, Manhattan, from 1924 to 1930, died on February 15th at his home here. Before coming to St. Thomas Chapel he was curate at the Pro-Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity in Paris.

The funeral service was held at St. Thomas Chapel with Bishop Donegan, the Rev. Dr. Roelif H. Brooks and the Rev. Paul C. Armstrong, officiating.

Miss Florence E. Meatyard, Of Cathedral Staff, Dies

Miss Florence E. Meatyard, sixty-four, died February 23 after an illness of several months. Miss Meatyard was the daughter of the late Thomas Meatyard, former verger of the Cathedral, who died in July 1944, and of Mrs. Helen Meatyard who died recently. She was an attendant in the exhibit hall of the Cathedral and assisted in the care of its altars.

Challenges Church to Serve Human Welfare

The Commission on Christian Social Relations released an aggressive statement by the Rev. George H. Hann, chaplain at Walkill Prison, this month, in which he challenged churchmen to take up the "Church's ancient tradition" to "carry on a ministry of healing and relief" particularly in the care of elder persons.



Photo by Mrs. Frank Cacich

GAY 'NINETIES Review at St. Thomas Chapel, Manhattan, last month featured the *Floradora* Sextette pictured, in part, above.

Lenten Study Turns On the Prayer Book

Throughout the Diocese, the Prayer Book is being used for Lenten study and meditation to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of its translation into English.

In addition to those programs reported in February, St. Peter's, Chelsea, is having an informal "rector's hour" Wednesday nights to discuss the Prayer Book. At Grace, Port Jervis, the Rev. Robert Gay is holding informal talks on the Prayer Book on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Charles B. Ackley has prepared a special literature shelf on the Prayer Book for St. Mary's, Manhattanville.

Other programs in Manhattan are:

March 16—St. Mark's-in-the-Bow-
erie: "In Life's Deepest Experi-
ences." The Rev. C. Kilmer Myers,
General Seminary.

March 23—Grace, "Through the Holy
Communion." The Rev. Lawrence
Rose, dean of the General Seminary.

March 30—Ascension, "Praying with
the Prayer Book." The Rev. Hugh
McCandless, Epiphany, Manhattan.

April 6—St. George's, "The Prayer
Book and a Christian Society." The
Rev. John Heuss, director, Depart-
ment of Christian Education of the
National Council.

St. Luke's Motto "Corpus Sanare Animam Salvare"

The Chapel of St. Luke stands at the crossroads of the many stark white corridors which link together the anxiety, suffering, fear — and sometimes death — of St. Luke's Hospital. *Corpus Sanare, Animam Salvare* is the hospital motto, and from its Chapel, the director of Religious activities, the Rev. Otis R. Rice and his staff, administer the comfort, cheer and faith which only the Church can give in time of crisis or mortal pain.

This staff carries its ministry throughout the hospital. The Holy Communion is celebrated upon Holy Days, and each weekday afternoon at 5:15 p.m. the pre-clinical student nurses file into Chapel, in their blue-checked dresses and white caps, to form the choir for Evensong. Visiting and personal counselling are stressed and St. Luke's serves as a clinical training ground for seminarians and interested clergy.

Although not controlled by the Church, St. Luke's has always been closely associated with the Church.

On October 18, 1846 the Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg set aside \$30 toward the dream of a St. Luke's Hospital. In 1947, 22,563 free patient ward days were given. 67,964 free clinic patients visited the 31 clinics. Many others were only half paid for by the city, others paid only a minor part of the cost.

Board of Religious Education Issues New Monthly "Bulletin"

A new aid to Church School teachers made its appearance last month with the publication of a mimeographed bulletin from the Board of Religious Education which is described as "for young people, youth advisors, and rectors."

The March edition, issued February 25, contains program notes based on the Lenten theme of PLAN, 1948-49, the disciple's way as discovered in the Prayer Book and Bible.

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Christ Church, Sparkill, Notes

Passing of One Hundred Years

Christ Church, Sparkill, began its one hundred years' celebration on March 1st.

Services were first organized under the Rev. William F. Walker, a missionary of the Diocese of New York, at Haverstraw, in 1840, and on March 1, 1848, in the home of Dr. James A. Hapsoin the parish of Christ Church, Piermont was organized.

During the years a beautifully equipped stone church was erected and furnished. The Rev. Albert Ohse, present rector, has served since 1932.

ST. LUKE'S apprentice nurses at Evensong.



BRIEFLY SPEAKING

Unsung heroes of the CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN: *Canon Sparks* who ought to take a bow for the excellent publicity we received in the New York City press, although he is making violent "No" signs at being uncovered . . . *Rev. Alan Tongue* who did the drawings for the top and bottom pictures on folder and poster . . . *Anne Weber* who was the official depository for surplus gripes and wornout worry . . . and *Canon West* who contributed the slogan "to build the Church by building churches."

The BULLETIN loves *Gladys Libou* and *Theckla Henes* of ST. PAUL'S, Bronx, who solicit subscriptions for the same . . . *George Hull* has been licensed as a lay reader by the Bishop to serve with the *Rev. Charles F. Nugent* at MESSIAH, Rhinebeck.

The Army and Navy Service Cross for our boys still in the armed forces is available through the National Council who announce, also, a plan to train the clergy in religious education . . . *Lewis and Conger*, gadgeteers deluxe of New York, named March for their "Name-Your-Own-Charity-Sale." The "charity" gets 10% of all sales so indicated . . . ST. LUKE'S, Katonah, heard St. Peter's School Choir and headmaster last month . . . *ye managing editor* in addition to "doing" this publication, odd-end publicity on the Cornerstone Campaign, and two missions, turned up at St. John's, Getty Square on Quinquagesima night talking on *The Influence of Christian Youth*.

Woman's Auxiliary United Thank Offering now totals \$82,014.06 of the \$100,000 sought . . . *Emil K. Harvey*, for 20-years organist at GRACE, West Farms goes to Hoboken and *Harry Jacobi* now plays in his stead . . . *The Episcopal Women of the Bronx* will hold their second annual corporate communion and luncheon on the Feast of the Annunciation at ST. PETER'S, Westchester, to hear the rector, *the Rev. Leslie J. A. Lang* . . . TRINITY, Morrisania, is playing host to ST. LUKE'S, Williamsbridge concert March 13.

The Rev. Charles B. Ackley, S.T.D. recommends *I Am With You*, a foreign religious film at the Normandy on 53rd St. for Lent . . . the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, 74 Trinity Place, New York, has released an attractive leaflet giving the history and significance of the 400-years of the Prayer Book . . . The parish house of ST. STEPHEN'S, Woodlawn, was dedicated on Quinquagesima by *Bishop Donegan* . . . *The Rev. Bryan Green*, conductor of our recent Diocesan mission advertised from his pulpit that he needed a

household helper. "If I am required to assist my wife in scrubbing and polishing floors," he said, "I shall not be able to fulfill my duties as rector."

The current spate of "Minstrel Shows" drew the following from *the Rev. Shelton H. Bishop*, "A Christian Church has a responsibility to dignify all people. It also has a responsibility to stand out against any form of entertainment that continues out-worn representation of ill-chosen stereotypes. Minstrel shows seem to fall into this class."

ST. JAMES', Manhattan, Camp Pequot is now registering boys for summer camp . . . CHURCH OF THE DIVINE LOVE, Montrose, will present seminarians of the General Theological Seminary at Evensong the Wednesdays in Lent . . . *The Rev. Hanford L. King, Jr.*, is pleading for a piano for MEDIATOR, Bronx.

Throats were blessed at St. Mary the Virgin, Manhattan, in the ancient ceremony February 2 . . . CHRIST CHURCH, Bronxville, is doing Spring sewing for its April 20 Bazaar . . . TRANSFIGURATION, the Little Church around the Corner, saw 1,039 marriages in 1948 . . . Church School staff of INTERCESSION, Manhattan, subscribed to the BULLETIN en masse . . . This year is fiftieth anniversary for HOLY TRINITY, in St. James' parish, Manhattan . . . also CHRIST CHURCH, New Brighton, centennial celebration committee was organized January 30 with *Joseph M. Clark* as chairman.

GIFTS: *Mrs. C. W. LeMore* has raised \$150 for a water cooler for the parish house of ST. PETER'S, Portchester . . . 20 folding chairs, a six-piece set of rattan furniture, and a set of drapes for St. Stephen's, Woodlawn, the latter from *Mrs. L. W. Lederer* and *Mrs. J. W. Scherer* . . . *Mrs. Fitzpatrick*, *Mrs. Burr* and *Mrs. Josephine Hinkley* made a new violet frontal for CHRIST CHURCH, Poughkeepsie . . . ST. PAUL'S, Yonkers, mortgage reduced from \$11,000 to about \$4,100 . . . An Altar Service Book to Holy Trinity, St. James', Manhattan, from *Emil H. Talmon* in memory of his mother, *Mrs. Bertha Talmon* . . . and remember the high Altar of red marble at ST. LUKE'S, Trinity, Manhattan, was given by the descendants of *Catherine Ritter*.

CHRIST CHURCH, Suffern, in addition to designating their Lenten "dime" cards for the Cornerstone Campaign, contributed \$100 to their local Good Samaritan Hospital for deep x-ray equipment . . . ST. PAUL'S & TRINITY, Tivoli, report 72 children in the Tivoli public school and 51 in their church school . . . *George Cole* led the men of St. Andrew's Guild, GRACE CHURCH, Nyack, to a corporate communion on the First Sunday in Lent . . . says *Friendly Contact* of REDEEMER, Pelham, "To the backers of the Church — be sure not to get too far back."