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## THESE MADE IT

Missionary giving in the Diocese during the year 1951 totalled \$608,931.05, breaking last year's record of \$601,550.98 by \$7,380.07, according to a statement from the Treasurer's Office when the books were closed on January eighth.

We are listing below the forty-six parishes and missions which have gone that "second mile" and exceeded their quotas in the year just past and the thirty-four parishes and missions which met their quotas in full.

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Christ Church, Warwick  
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St. Mary's Manhattanville  
St. Mary's, West New Brighton  
St. Peter's, Westchester  
St. Stephen's, Woodlawn  
Trinity, Manhattan

### MET QUOTA:

St. Thomas, Amenia Union  
St. Barnabas, Ardsley  
St. Matthew's, Bedford  
St. John's, Cornwall  
St. James, Dover Plains  
St. Mary's, East Middle Patent  
St. Francis of Assisi, Elmsford  
St. Philip's, Garrison  
All Saints, Harrison  
St. David's, Highland Mills  
St. James, Hyde Park  
Holy Communion, Lake Mahopac  
St. John's, Larchmont  
St. John's Lewisboro  
St. Mark's, Mt. Kisco  
St. John's, New City  
St. Andrew's, New Platz  
Grace, Nyack  
Christ Church, Pelham Manor  
Christ Church, Piermont  
St. John's, Pleasantville  
St. John's, Richardsville  
Christ Church, Suffern  
Christ Church, Tarrytown  
St. John the Divine, Tomkins Cove  
St. Luke's, Tuckahoe  
Zion, New Hamburg  
All Saints, Mariners Harbor  
Atonement, Bronx  
Holy Nativity, Bronx  
St. Andrew's, Clason Point  
Holy Trinity, Manhattan  
St. James, Manhattan  
St. Thomas, Manhattan

# THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Soon after this issue of the Bulletin is published the great season of Lent will have begun. Lent calls us to be more faithful in our private devotions and our attendance at public worship, to deepen and revitalize our discipleship to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Lent is also a time for reading as a spiritual activity. The New Testament and the Book of Common Prayer will of course be your primary reading. There are no substitutes for the reading of God's word. There are no interpretations which are comparable to the "greatest story" as it is set forth in Holy Scripture. This is God's word for man; this is the story we need to read again and again.



We should also study and acquaint ourselves with the perennial relevance of the Gospel to current issues. In this direction we must turn our thoughts to modern interpretations of Christianity in terms of its direct bearing on present problems. Therefore I should like to recommend for your Lenten reading, "Communism and Christ" by the Rev. Charles W. Lowry, D.D., Rector of All Saints Church, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

This book issued by Morehouse-Gorham is the first of what I trust will be an annual series of "Bishop of New York Books." There is so much literature demanding our attention that it would seem appropriate, and a part of my responsibility, not only to offer suggestions for reading but more definitely to sponsor a book for our people. Part of the content of "Communism and Christ" was the subject matter of a series of sermons delivered in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York during the summer of 1951 with large numbers of university students in attendance.

## Only a Clear Christian Can Conquer

We must seek to understand Communism; its strength and its weakness. We must know why it appeals to people all over the world. It is not enough to condemn what goes on behind the Iron Curtain. We must try to evaluate what goes on there. Communism will never be conquered by slogans, or propaganda, or atomic weapons. Rather in the Christian Faith are to be found the undefeatable ideas which are more than a match for the ideology of Communism. But here again it is not enough to be vague and nebulous about what we believe. We must understand more clearly the vast meaning and resources of our faith as followers of Christ.

**HORACE W. B. DONEGAN**

# Our Puerto Rican Work in New York

By Rt. Rev. Charles F. Boynton

*Suffragan Bishop of New York*

There is great rejoicing these days amongst the Puerto Ricans in Manhattan, and especially amongst those living in the neighborhood of the Church of St. Edward the Martyr,



FR. REUS

East 109th Street, for one of their very own has come from the Island of their birth to minister unto them.

On February 1st, the Reverend Esteban Reus-Garcia began his new work as Assistant Priest on the staff of the Church of St. Edward the Martyr, of which the Reverend Drury L. Patchell is the Rector. He came at the invitation of the Bishop of New York to offer his long experience and his peculiar talents to the many Episcopalians of the Church in Puerto Rico who are now living in New York, and to all his fellow islanders who may well find their spiritual home in the Episcopal Church.

Final arrangements are even now being made between the Warden and Vestry of St. Edward the Martyr and the Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society for the transfer of the property and funds of the Parish Church to the Diocese. The newly formed Mission of which Fr. Patchell will be the Priest-in-Charge with Fr. Reus as Assistant, will develop the program particularly toward the

care and nurture of the Puerto Ricans and West Indians who are identifying themselves in increasing numbers with St. Edward's, and to the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

## Beautiful Church

Due to the generosity and vision of the late Commodore Elbridge E. Gerry and the Gerry family ever since 1904, and the faithful service of the five Rectors, Edward W. Neal, Percival L. Pyle, Alexander Frenchman, Leslie J. A. Lang, and Drury L. Patchell, the Diocese will receive a beautiful church, exquisitely appointed; a four-story fire-proof community center, including a bowling alley, gymnasium, meeting rooms and clergy quarters, and two trust funds. It is a perfect plant for the needs and opportunities that the diocese is now ready to meet. Already there is a full-time community program in operation under the capable leadership of Mrs. Eva A. Crockett, sponsored by the Protestant Council of the City of New York. Already some 150 young people from the nearby Children's Center are coming to St. Edward's for their religious instruction. Already the part-time services of Miss Josephine Martin of Windham House are bearing much fruit in the Church School, and Girls' Work program. All this, over and above the varied and full program of Church services, Altar Guild, Acolytes' Guild, Boys' Clubs, choir and social work which Fr. Patchell has carried on so ably during his eight years as Rector. And all this is

just a beginning of what is to come in the future.

### Notable Ministry

The Diocese is proud of the past, present and unlimited future of St. Edward the Martyr, and thankful to all who have had a share in its work. And we welcome Fr. Reus as he comes to us after a most successful career of twenty-five years in Puerto Rico to climax his ministry amongst his own within the Diocese. Fr. Reus was one of the very first Puerto Ricans to answer the appeal of Bishop Colmore, second Bishop of Puerto Rico, for native sons to begin an indigenous ministry. Leaving an Insular Government post, he came to DuBose where he received his theological training, and then returned to found and foster rural missions, to serve as Priest-in-Charge of the largest church on the Island, Holy Trinity, Ponce, and later on to serve as the Arch-deacon of San Juan and Executive Secretary to the Bishop. Perfectly bi-lingual, Fr. Reus has always been much loved by the large West Indian congregations in the Virgin Islands, whom he served on numerous occasions as a Supply Priest, as he is by his fellow Puerto Ricans. He is known to a countless number of Puerto Ricans and West Indians resident in New York, many of whom he baptized, trained and presented for Confirmation during his years as priest in the Islands. These are in the process of renewing their relationship with him, and these will bring others.

There will be perfect team-work at St. Edward the Martyr in the

development of the new program. Fr. Patchell has demonstrated his great love for the people of the Islands as he has ministered to more and more of them in recent years, and in 1950 he visited Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in order to be better acquainted with their background and customs. In June the Staff will be immeasurably strengthened when Mrs. Reus comes north to join her husband, bringing three of their children with her. She has always been a leader amongst the women of the Church's work in Puerto Rico and will be a great asset here. Fr. Reus and Mrs. Reus, as they sever their connections with the island of their birth to take up work in the island of their adoption, leave behind them several children, amongst them the Reverend Francisco Reus-Froylan, Priest-in-Charge of the Church of the Holy Family and Chaplain of the Agricultural School for Boys at St. Just—the first of the second generation of Puerto Rican clergy, and another son, Captain Johnnie Reus-Froylan, proud possessor of the Bronze Star and Oak Cluster, received for extraordinary heroism in the line of duty in Korea.

### Our Cover

This is a painting from a series of illustrations of the first chapter of St. John's Gospel, "The Light Shineth in Darkness". The Bible is full of conflict between light and darkness. Here is pictured the Egyptian captivity when the Jews forgot their God and began to worship Egyptian gods. Moses at the burning bush recalled them and thus became a fore-teller of the Incarnate Word, who would reveal the Father to us. The painting is done by William deJ. Rutherford of the Church of the Resurrection, Manhattan.

## Archdeacon's Corner

During the year just passed two Diocesan Missions became fully self-supporting, incorporated as Parishes, chose their Wardens and Vestrymen and called their first Rector. Early in the year the congregations of St. Ann's and Holy Comforter merged to become St. Alban's. Both the merger and the subsequent incorporation was accomplished under the inspired leadership of the Rev. Donald Cheetham. New people are added each week to the growing congregation and its program has received wide attention. Recently, **Living for Young Homemakers** magazine featured an illustrated article telling the story of St. Alban's and its wide awake young Rector.

Early in December, St. Mark's, Yonkers, became a Parish and called the Rev. Bertram J. Mortlock as its first Rector. During his ministry at St. Mark's Mr. Mortlock has seen his congregation grow from a handful of people to a communicant strength of 225. His excellently conducted Church School now numbers 166. Largely because of his untiring efforts a stone church was erected, a Rectory purchased and a new spacious Parish House built.

We are justly proud of our two young Parishes and of the men who serve them.

### The Work of Surveying

The Social Research Study of Manhattan, the Bronx and Lower Westchester is now nearing completion after two years of intense

work. While not a Survey in the strict sense of the word, almost every technique common to survey projects was used. The results are soon to be released and will be sent to every Parish and Mission in the area. —George F. Bratt

## Installation of Dean

The Reverend Dr. James A. Pike will be installed as Dean of the Cathedral on Saturday, February 16th, at 3 P.M. This will follow the Pre-Lent Quiet Day for the Clergy of the Diocese, beginning that morning with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30 o'clock. At an appropriate point in the Service, the Bishop will lead the congregation in prayer asking that the new Dean may serve faithfully, that he may dwell with his brethren in love and peace, and that he do all that lies in his power to further the interest of the Cathedral. Then the Dean-designate will make his declaration, affirming his faith, that he will diligently strive to perform the duties of his office, that he will promote the work of the Bishop and of the Church in the Diocese of New York, doing all that he can for the faithful ministrations of Christ's Holy Word and Sacraments, and endeavoring in all things to walk in lowliness, patience and love. After this Declaration has been made, he will be escorted to the Dean's Stall and declared to be duly inducted therein with all the rights and duties pertaining to his office. Dean Pike will then address the congregation and the Bishop will dismiss them with his blessing.

## Bishop Hatch to Conduct Quiet Day

The Rt. Rev. Robert McConnell Hatch, Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut, will conduct the third annual Quiet Day for women of the Diocese on Tuesday, March 4, from



BISHOP HATCH

10 to 3 o'clock, at Calvary Church in Manhattan.

Bishop Hatch's theme for the Day of Prayer is **Religion in Action**, which he will develop in three meditations on the following schedule:

10 a.m., Celebration of Holy Communion

11 a.m., Meditation on Quietness and Self-examination

12 noon, Intercession

1 p.m., Interlude for quiet luncheon in Calvary House

2 p.m., Adoration and Thanksgiving.

All who are familiar with Bishop Hatch's series of pamphlets including "How to Say Your Prayers" rejoice that he is to lead this Day in our Diocese.

The Quiet Day is the highlight of the whole devotional program of the Woman's Auxiliary which is led by its Devotional Committee of women from all Districts under the chairmanship of Mrs. Samuel M. Shoemaker.

Basic objectives of the program proposed to the women are 1) A minimum personal rule of life of 15 minutes of prayer and meditation every day; 2) Weekly attendance at Holy Communion; 3) Joining or starting a prayer study

group or devotional workshop; and 4) Seeking to bring others to our Lord through healing prayer, service and personal witness.

Added to this, the Woman's Auxiliary has sought to hold quiet days and retreats for each District, attend the World Day of Prayer, help parish leaders to plan adequate opening prayer services before Auxiliary programs, hold services of installation for new officers, and undergird all departments of the Woman's Auxiliary with prayer.

Three publications have come from the Committee's work: **Sanctification of Time, A Study of the Collects**, by Katharine S. Oliver; **Prayer Groups and How to Form Them**, by Helen S. Shoemaker; and **Schools of Prayer for Leaders and Learners**, edited by Helen S. Shoemaker. Through Auxiliary channels alone, more than a thousand dollars' worth of a wide variety of devotional books and pamphlets have been sold in the past two years.

A whole new emphasis on the importance of prayer as the basic foundation for all work undertaken in the name of our Lord has developed, thus following the words of Bishop Donegan:

*"We need a larger number of volunteers in disciplined training in the field of prayer. How much time are we willing to give to prayer? We are busy people, but none is too busy for this most important of all our responsibilities as followers of Christ."*

## Helps for the Layman

By Lee H. Bristol, Jr.

*Lay Reader, Diocese of New York*

**I**T is wise in a spiritual program to set specific jobs ahead of us, because we are far more likely to do something specific than something overly-general like "more good in the world." As a guide for myself I have found the following ten-point program helpful. By keeping it on my bureau or by my shaving mirror, I see it as I begin each day. You may want to change it here and there to fit your own particular requirements, but it is given you in the hope that it will prove at least a "jumping-off" point for your own spiritual program.

1. I will pretend each day is the first of my spiritual program, because I am best at the beginning of a campaign and less likely to slacken.

2. I will use "flash-prayers" frequently throughout the day (not just prayers at bedtime), because repeated "through-the-day" contact with God can multiply my effectiveness immeasurably.

3. I will try to be honest in my prayers, because only then do they mean anything to me and, consequently, anything to God. If my mind is wandering, I'll tell Him so and ask His help.

4. I will pray about specific problems, because such prayers will mean more to me than overly-general prayers in my private devotions.

5. I will make a regular effort

to know the Bible better, trying to see the great relevance of Christ's simple, down-to-earth, workable principles for conducting myself in relation to my fellow man.

6. I will try winning others to Christ, not only because it was Christ's command that I do so, but also because faith seems to grow when it is shared. Faith must be developed and nourished. Faith is not a water faucet to be turned on and off without thinking. Faith is no windowsill cactus that will thrive on a minimum of erratic attention. But "faith without works is dead."

7. I will try to see the human equation in everything I do, realizing how individuals are affected by every decision I make, every letter I write, and by even the most casual encounter.

8. I will ask myself at the end of the day, as George MacDonald suggests, if I have that day done anything because God said 'Do it' or abstained from doing anything because He said 'Do not do it.'

9. I will try to have a partner in my spiritual program, because "comparing notes" with someone else can give a program "wings" and appreciably help both of us.

10. I will accept opportunities for service, as Albert Schweitzer suggests, not with any thought of heroism, but rather with sober enthusiasm for the jobs to be done. When I do so, I must remember the many others, willing and able, who are not in a position to do the same.

## New Tax Laws Encourage Giving

Keep in mind during this year a recent news release by Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, president of the Golden Rule Foundation. In it attention was called to the fact that revisions of federal tax laws, which became effective on November 1st, encourage charitable and Church contributions.

Business corporations are permitted to give 5% of their net income to benevolences, before taxes (**they have been giving 1%**). Individuals may give up to 15% of their income (**they have been giving less than 2%**). It is the estimate of the Foundation that the new tax provisions make available for philanthropic purposes over two billion dollars from corporate sources and about twenty billion dollars from individuals. Pledges or promises of gifts are not sufficient to comply with the law; the gifts must be made outright before December 31, 1952, to take advantage of the new provisions.

## Bishop Boynton to Appear On Telecast

Bishop Boynton will appear on the C.B.S. Television program, "Lamp Unto My Feet", on Sunday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. The program is produced by the Columbia Broadcasting System and features prominent clergy of Jewish, Protestant and Roman Catholic churches in turn.

On Sunday, February 10, the Rev. John Huess, new rector of Trinity Parish, appeared on "Lamp Unto My Feet."

## Libraries of Seminaries Get Author's Signed Copies

To celebrate Episcopal Theological Seminary Education Sunday on January 27th, author Willard A. Pleuthner gave autographed copies of "Building Up Your Congregation" to the libraries of our ten seminaries. The need of more new books is one of the many reasons for the annual solicitation of funds. Mr. Pleuthner hopes that other authors will follow him in sending their books to our theological schools.

As an Episcopal Lay Reader in the Diocese, Mr. Pleuthner reports that 14 interfaith charities are receiving the royalties for his best-seller, "Building Up Your Congregation". These recipients include the Christian Community Center in Kiyosato, Japan.

## HOW CAN THE CHURCH DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH SOCIAL ISSUES

Synod House  
Mon., Feb. 18th

- 12 noon: Holy Communion  
12:45 P. M.: Box Luncheon  
2:00 P.M.: "A Definition of Social Issues of Concern to the Church"  
3:00 P.M.: Four Round Tables:  
1. "The Church and Social Services"  
2. "The Church and the Economic Order"  
3. "The Church and the Social Order"  
4. "The Church and World Responsibility"  
6:00 P.M.: Buffet Supper  
7:30 P.M.: Reports and Discussion  
9:00 P.M.: "The Task Ahead"

# NEWS FROM THE CONVOCATIONS

## RAMAPO

At a recent *COUNCIL MEETING* three vacancies were reported in this area, showing again a clergy shortage in our Church. As the Dean is still ill his people in Pearl River are stepping in to do what they can. Through various clergy the chaplaincy work at Rockland State Hospital is being covered.

*GRACE CHURCH, NYACK* had a crowded church for the Nativity pageant. They reported a Christmas offering of \$790. The rector had a celebration of the Holy Communion and breakfast for college students to which fourteen came.

*CHRIST CHURCH* in *PIERMONT* had a children's program in the Church, Sunday, December 23rd when a big Advent offering was presented. Archdeacon Bratt preached on Sunday, January 13th.

*CHRIST CHURCH, SUFFERN* spent \$1,445 last year in rectory improvements and \$25,688 in a parish house alteration project. The Rockland County Chapter of the American Guild of Organists was organized on Sunday, January 20th, at which time the Rev. Fessenden Nichols preached. Officials from New York installed 22 organists and choir directors. Mr. Frank Campbell-Watson of Mahwah, N. J., is in charge of the Guild. Mrs. H. P. Rednour is the Secretary.

*VALLEY COTTAGE* reports a big attendance at Church which makes All Saints' Mission happy. Theological students are working in this area.

The Rev. E. Spencer Gilley resigned as rector of *GRACE CHURCH, MIDDLETOWN*, on November 1st. During November Dr. W. H. Dunphy, now in Pennsylvania, assisted. The Midnight Service on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day service were conducted

by the Rev. A. J. Torrey. Sunday services during December and January were conducted by Dr. W. K. Brown. Led by the wardens, Mr. J. Schrade and Mr. Maxwell R. Moore, this Church does its level best to hold together guilds and finance. Mr. Kenneth Holden is in charge of the Sunday School. Attendance at Midnight service, Christmas Eve, was 282—the offering was \$900. Volunteers will soon paint the parish house.

*CHRIST CHURCH, WARWICK*, has 100 in Sunday School and 90 at Family Eucharist. Mr. Robert I. Huyler is now warden after ten years service as treasurer. Mr. Rene Keyfer is a vestryman. A Girl's Friendly branch has been started with nine girls and a young adults group is now functioning. Mrs. I. Newton Bell and Mrs. Elmer Fry directed a Christmas pageant. Recorded parts of the midnight service were played to shut-ins as they received the Sacrament. Mrs. A. M. Reynolds has given a home

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From no Sunday School three years ago *TRINITY CHURCH, GARNERVILLE*, now registers 80 pupils. This is the largest Sunday School Trinity has had for many years and an encouraging feature is the large proportion of students of High School age. The rector now teaches and conducts a class of twenty-eight High School pupils. Beginning February 4th, this church began an experiment—a "Family Holy Communion Service". It had been customary on the first Sunday of each month to hold a Eucharistic Service for all pupils

of the Sunday School. Since it had been noticed that many parents and adults were attending it was decided to try this new service with a step by step explanation. This service will be held at 9:45 and take the place of the usual 11 o'clock service.

*ST. JAMES, GOSHEN* had the largest attendance in its history Christmas Eve. The offering was \$500. The rector trains the choir of 40 including the boys. Mrs. Lillian McEntire, his pupil, is organist. At the Manger service gifts were collected for the City Mission Society. The rector's daughter recently made her debut in New York as a singer.—FESSENDEN A. NICHOLS

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## MANHATTAN

At a recent Marriage Service of Puerto Rican People at *ST. MARY'S, MAHATTANVILLE*, the rector, the Rev. Charles Breck Ackley, S.T.D., read the service in English but after each part or division of the form of service, that same part was read from the Spanish Prayer Book by Mr. Gilbert Garcia, as Interpreter. In this way, Dr. Ackley performed the entire service, but at the same time, it was interpreted in Spanish, to all those who were present.

The bride who spoke only Spanish, and the groom only a little English, made their promises in Spanish. Mr. Garcia is a young layman of St. Mary's Church. He was not acting as a lay reader but as an interpreter.

*ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL* will have a teaching Mission every evening, February 17th to 21st. The retired Bishop of Western North Carolina (Bishop Grib-

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bin) will be the Missioner. He will answer such questions as "What is your life for"; "What does the Episcopal Church stand for"; and "What does Christ want you to do".

A series of sermons in *CALVARY CHURCH* by the Rev. Quintin Warner, noted Canadian Preacher was held from January 20th through 27th, on the subject of "Firm Foundations in a Shaken World."

*ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE* has women's white choir vestments which they would like to dispose of as soon as possible.

*ST. MICHAEL'S, AMSTERDAM AVENUE*—The St. Seraphin Foundation, an organization formed to provide a center for religious, social and cultural activities of Russian D.P.'s, is now occupying part of the third floor of the parish house at 225 West 99th Street. Religious services are held in the Russian Orthodox Chapel, consecrated in December by the Metropolitan Leonty. There are club rooms for the educational and social programs. The choir gave a joint recital with St. Michael's choir January 10th. The Foundation has its own pastor, the Rev. Alexander Kiselev.

—CHARLES H. GRAF

### WESTCHESTER

The men of Saint Andrew's Brotherhood at *TRINITY CHURCH, OSSINING*, are very busy making plans for their annual Washington Birthday Corporate Parish Communion. This year Bishop Donegan will be the celebrant and the speaker at the Breakfast. Men from the neighboring parishes have been invited.

*ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HARRISON*, observed Theological Sunday by having Mr. George T. Cobbett, a senior at Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, as the speaker at the 11:00 a.m. service. Mr. Cobbett, a candidate for Holy Orders from the Diocese of New

York, served last summer as Field Worker for the Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society at All Saint's Church, Valley Cottage.

The Rev. James A. Pike, J.S.D., Dean Elect of the Cathedral, will deliver the lectures this year at the Adult Discussion Group meeting in *ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PARISH, LARCHMONT*, New York. These lectures are held every Thursday evening during the month of February. Mr. W. S. H. Hamilton is the chairman of this project. This series of Adult Discussion Groups began some three years ago when Mr. Anson Beaver first organized the Parish Educational Council. Series of lecture-discussions have been held each fall and winter covering such subjects as The Life of Christ, The Prayer Book, The History of the Church and the Protestant Churches and the Anglican Communion. All the series have been led either by Canon Edward N. West or the Rev. Powel M. Dawley, Ph.D., Professor of

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Last month the women of the Woman's Auxiliary of *ST. JAMES-THE-LESS, SCARSDALE*, wrote a thrilling new chapter to the Acts of the Apostles. They did not take ship nor trudge through the wilderness but they did go into Japan and Alaska, Brazil and Arizona. Their medium of transportation was the Blue Box into which they put their daily thank offerings to God for all his blessings to them. This offering, officially designated as the United Thank Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary, was presented at the Cathedral on December 4th, and amounted to \$652.00, the largest in the parish during the last fifteen years. When General Convention meets in Boston in September of this year the sacrificial offerings of the

women of *St. James-the-Less* will be added to the thank offerings made over the past three years by women of the Church throughout the world at a special Corporate Communion. For many this moving experience is the high spiritual point in Convention activities.

The Rev. Réginald Gordon Stewart became the rector of *ST. MARY'S, CHAPPAQUA*, on January 1, 1952. Fr. Stewart succeeds the Rev. Howard D. Perkins, who retired as the first Rector of the Church on November 30th, 1951. —C. KENNETH ACKERMAN

### DUTCHESS

The rector of *CHRIST CHURCH, POUGHKEEPSIE*, is to be congratulated on his campaign against the crowding out of Advent by unseasonable anticipations of Christmas. The rector of the *CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER* is happy to have Dr. Terwilliger's support in his efforts of several years to combat this subtle secularization of Christ's Birthday. The Rev. Arthur A. Bessey of *ST. PAUL'S, PLEASANT VALLEY*, gave his support to this effort in an admirable statement in *St. Paul's Bulletin* for the First Sunday in Advent, deploring the extent to which the commercialization of Christmas "has been permitted to develop to the point where by the time we have reached the Day itself we have drained the season of much of its significance."

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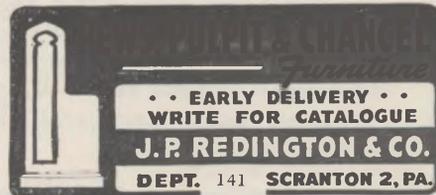
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Mention should be made here of *St Paul's Bulletin*, the weekly paper of *ST. PAUL'S, PLEASANT VALLEY*.

The appearance of this well edited paper is but one of the manifestations of the activity of that parish under the pastor's leadership. Priest and people of St. Paul's are to be congratulated on the manifestation of activity in improvements made in the outward and interior appearance of the church building and in the excellent condition of the surrounding "God's Acre".

The Reverend Richard A. Cartmell, rector of the *CHURCH OF THE MES-SIAH, RHINEBECK*, reports the ascension to communicant membership of the parish of eight persons, recently confirmed by Bishop Boynton.

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