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## Our Cover

The Committee on Reorganization whose report to the convention was accepted with only minor changes. In the picture, front row, from l. to r.: George W. Burpee, Charles S. Reid, Richard H. Mansfield, chairman, Theodor Oxholm, G. Forrest Butterworth. Back row: Rev. Leland B. Henry, Rev. Albert A. Chambers, Rev. Leslie J. A. Lang. The Rev. Hugh D. McCandless, the Rev. Bernard C. Newman and Mr. Ludlow S. Fowler were also members of the Committee.

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## Children's Presentation Service

More than one thousand children from more than one hundred parishes and missions of the Diocese gathered on the grounds of the

Cathedral Close on Saturday, May 24th to present their total missionary offering which this year amounted to forty thousand six hundred dollars.

The colorful processional got underway at two thirty in the afternoon and after winding about the Cathedral grounds passed in review before the Bishops and clergy standing on the balcony of the Laymen's Club.

At the service that followed the combined offerings were presented at the High Altar.

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## Church Finances Discussed

On May 7 the Finance Department of the National Council played host at 281 Fourth Avenue, N. Y., to an informal group of men, most of them diocesan officials. The purpose of the meeting was for a mutual exchange of ideas on matters of finance which are to be referred to the General Convention.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. H. M. Addinsell, Treasurer. It was the unanimous feeling of all those present that this discussion and study of Church business affairs was so valuable and necessary that the practice is to be continued in the future. Theodor Oxholm, Assistant Treasurer, represented the Diocese of New York. The agenda included a discussion of the method of apportionment of missionary quotas and the revision of the annual parochial report form and annual Diocesan report to the National Council.

# THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS

TO THE 170th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

**G**RACE be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a pleasure to welcome you to the one hundred and seventieth Convention of the Diocese.



We are here to review the work of the Church since the preceding Convention and to plan for the year ahead. In a far-flung Diocese such as ours there are few opportunities for the clergy and lay representatives of our congregations to meet together. It is therefore salutary for us to make the most of this opportunity for fellowship and common prayer, as well as to confer about the business affairs of the Church's life.

We miss the presence of our former beloved Father-in-God whose service to the Diocese is well known to us all. Bishop Gilbert is doubtless thinking of us today as we have him on our thoughts at this time.

At the outset I wish to thank all the members of the Diocesan staff for their dependability and cooperation. I would express my gratitude to Bishop Boynton, my loyal colleague, for his valuable assistance and partnership in our common task. My appreciation

is also due to the Venerable George Bratt, our faithful Archdeacon, who is unwearying in cheerfully carrying out the many responsibilities of his office. I would acknowledge my thanks to Mr. Theodor Oxholm for his devoted interest in the life of the Church in this Diocese and for his helpfulness at all times; to Mr. Ted Gannaway, Executive Secretary of the Committee on the Program of the Church. My appreciation also to Miss Carol Rede, Mrs. George Adams and Miss Anne Weber, who on June first will have served the Diocese thirty-four years. The work of the Secretary and Registrar of Convention, The Reverend Lawrence B. Larsen calls for thanks on the part of us all. No one but the Bishop is fully aware of the time and energy given in the service of the Church by the Chancellor, Mr. Forrest Butterworth. He is to the Bishop and to the Diocese a tower of wisdom and strength. And so my gratitude to these people and to many others, the heads of Departments, the Cathedral staff, to the clergy and laity who help to make the office of Diocesan Bishop a pleasant task.

## Second Suffragan Bishop

As you all know, the clergy and clerks of the vestries and advisory boards were notified by me some

time ago that the election of a second Suffragan Bishop had been postponed. It was my carefully considered and prayerful judgment, in which the Standing Committee concurred, that it was in the best interests of the Diocese that the election of a second Suffragan Bishop should not be held at this time.

### Official Acts

The canons of our Church require that the Bishop of every Diocese and Missionary District must report annually to the Convention on the welfare of the Church and submit certain statistical information. Accompanying this address is a detailed list of my official acts and required statistics. My journal and other data are filed with the Secretary of Convention.

I would, however, at this time report that during the past year 2,785 persons have been confirmed in the Diocese; 146 persons were received from the Roman Communion, 8 from the Orthodox Churches, and 1 from the Swedish Lutheran Church, making a total increase of 2,940 in communicant membership.

Again this past year there have been numerous changes in our Diocesan family. At the Holy Communion this morning we remembered before God the clergy and laity of Convention and others who since our last assembling together have entered into eternal life. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and

may light perpetual shine upon them.

Ten of our clergy have resigned from the active ministry since the last Convention, namely: The Reverend Messrs. David Bowen, Lorenzo Di Sano, Frederick S. Fleming, Robert Gay, John B. Myers, Francis S. Smith, Herbert R. Stevenson, George W. H. Troop, Leo Twinem, and William T. Walsh. We wish them health and happiness in their retirement.

I have received twenty-four clergy into the Diocese whom I welcome collectively and cordially to our fellowship; may their ministry here be joyful and fruitful. Twenty clergy have been transferred to other Dioceses. Fifteen clergy have been instituted as Rectors of parishes.

Since the last Convention I have ordained 15 Candidates for Holy Orders to the Diaconate and 13 Deacons to the Priesthood. It is encouraging to report that there are 53 postulants and candidates from this Diocese studying for Holy Orders and 36 pre-theological students. The complete list of official Episcopal acts will be found in the Journal.

### New Dean

An important event in our Diocesan life this past year was the Installation by the Bishop of The Very Reverend Dr. James A. Pike as fifth Dean of our Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. The Dean is well known to us having served in the Diocese a number of years as Tutor and Fellow of the General Theological

Seminary, Rector of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, and Chaplain of Columbia University. We are confident that Dr. Pike's leadership as Dean will be outstanding. He will always bear in mind the two great objectives of the Cathedral, the reverent worship of God and the faithful preaching of Christ, and he will, I know, carry forward the purpose of the founders of our Cathedral namely that it should be "a house of prayer for all people; an instrument of Church unity and a center of intellectual light and leading in the spirit of Jesus Christ."

#### Anniversaries

A number of parishes have held important anniversaries during the past year. A few weeks ago I officiated in a most impressive Centennial Celebration of the Church of the Incarnation, Manhattan. We congratulate that parish and its Rector, The Reverend John A. Bell. St. Luke's Home for Aged Women this month celebrated its 100th Anniversary. St. Luke's is an Episcopal Home whose ministry to the aged in this city gives us ample reason to be justly proud.

#### New Parishes

It is encouraging to report that since last Convention five congregations have become independent, self-supporting parishes and will no longer need Diocesan aid. In Richmond Convocation St. Anne's Church (formerly a mission) and the Church of the Holy Comforter (an assisted Parish) united to

form the new and vigorous incorporated parish, St. Alban's, with the Rev. Donald Cheetham, Rector.

In Westchester Convocation, St. Mark's, North Yonkers, is now an incorporated Parish, with the Rev. Bertram J. Mortlock as Rector.

In Manhattan Convocation, St. Luke's, Edgecombe Avenue, is now



Mr. R. H. Mansfield presents the report of the Committee on Reorganization to the Diocesan Convention.

the self-supporting parish of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician. St. Luke's, Tuckahoe, which has received no financial assistance from the Diocese for some time is now an incorporated Parish and has called as its first Rector, The Rev. Newell Lasher.

In the Convocation of Ramapo, St. Stephen's, Pearl River, recently became an incorporated parish. The Reverend Ernest Churchill, who I am glad to say is rapidly recovering from an illness, will be the first Rector. We heartily con-

gratulate the clergy, vestry and people of these new parishes on their accomplishments. Three of these parishes, St. Mark's, Yonkers, St. Alban's, Richmond, and St. Luke's the Beloved Physician were received into union with the Convention today.

### **New Buildings**

During the past year two new church buildings have been completed. St. Luke's, Williamsbridge, in the Bronx, The Rev. Hugh Hudson Henry, Vicar, is a large and impressive structure, adequate for the needs of its growing congregation. The construction of St. Luke's Church was the last of the projects made possible by the cornerstone campaign.

The first congregation to receive assistance through the annual budget provision for the erection of new churches is St. Augustine's in Yonkers, the Reverend Alger Adams, Vicar. This beautiful church will be dedicated by the Bishop next month.

The congregation of St. Francis, Elmsford, The Reverend Alger Adams, Vicar, now worships in the church moved by the Missionary Society from Rifton to the present location.

You will notice that these manifestations of vigorous life are not confined to any one area. They clearly show a renewal and growth throughout the whole expanse of our Diocese.

### **Finances**

Last year I reported that our missionary giving in 1950 exceeded

any amount previously contributed for the Diocesan and National Budgets of the Church. In 1951 we improved on this record and maintained our position as the largest contributor to the budget of the National Council.

However, despite this encouraging achievement, we were very far short of our missionary quota and, as a result, our approved Diocesan agencies have again had to struggle along on reduced budgets and, in some cases, on the part-time services of their officials. The National Council program has been similarly curtailed.

I would remind you that all missionary receipts which are applied to parish quotas are by canon of the General Convention subject to division between the Diocese and the National Council in the ratio that our Diocesan Budget bears to our National Council apportionment. Nearly two-thirds of every dollar contributed is paid toward our National Council obligation.

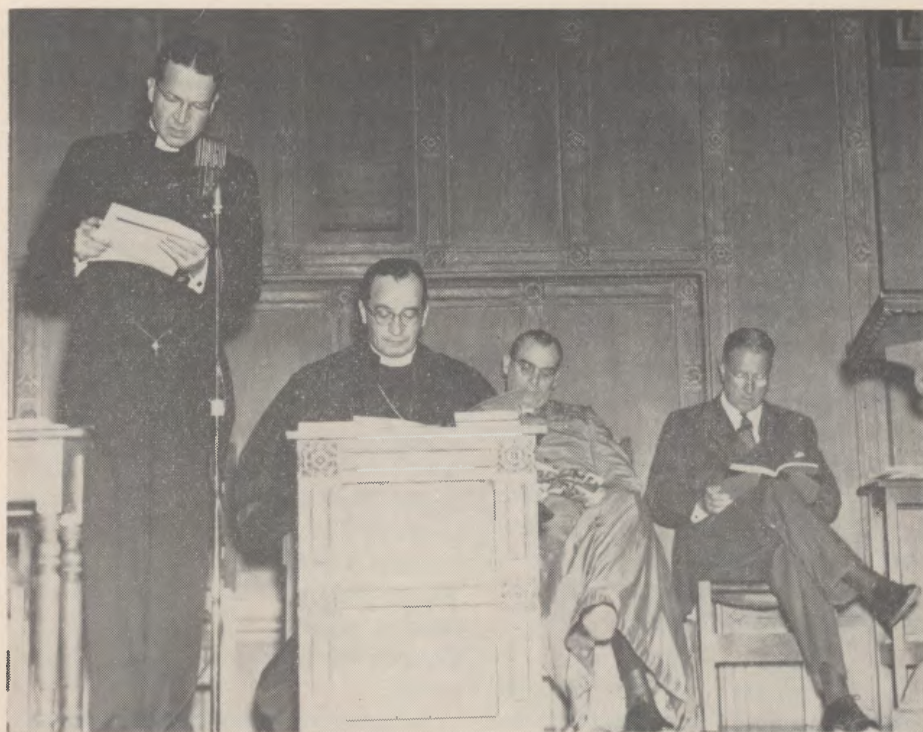
For some time we have questioned the equality of the system of apportionment approved by the General Convention and I am glad to report that a special committee of General Convention, appointed to inquire into this matter, has recommended changes in the method of apportionment which, if adopted, will result in a decrease in our share of the National Council Budget. Representatives of the Diocese appeared before this special committee to present arguments in favor of a change in the method.

But while a reduction in our National Council apportionment will make our total goal more realistic in terms of our ability to give, it is imperative that the parishes now meeting their quotas continue to contribute at the present level, although it may be beyond the mathematical quota assigned by the new apportionment. Whatever method of apportionment may be worked out by the Committee on Diocesan Finances for the distribution of quotas to parishes and missions, I urge upon you all that there be no relaxation in your efforts to increase your gifts and

no reduction in the giving of any congregation.

### The Bishop's Offering

I know that you are as concerned as I am that New York should support in its fullest dimensions the National and overseas missionary work of this Church. I believe also that you share with me a desire that New York should adequately support its Diocesan agencies and meet some of the challenges facing the Church within our Diocese. No one can know as does the Bishop the total Diocesan picture in terms of tasks and opportunities. No



The Rev. Lawrence Larsen, Secretary of the Convention, reads order of business at Diocesan Convention. Bishop Donegan, Bishop Boynton and Mr. G. Forrest Butterworth, Chancellor of the Diocese, check the calendar.

one is more eager than I to see the Church fulfill its ministry at home. But, as you are aware, the results of the Every Member Canvass for the past several years has not provided the necessary funds required by the authorized Diocesan missionary agencies.

In order to meet this situation the Committee on Allocation of Missionary Funds, having heard the Diocesan agencies tell of their needs, unanimously recommended to me that there be a Special Offering to be known as The Bishop's Offering for Diocesan Work. I have therefore designated Sunday, May 25th, for The Bishop's Offering. The amount contributed will be assigned to the four agencies that are facing serious curtailment of their authorized activities, namely: City Mission Society, Episcopal Service to the Aged, Seamen's Church Institute, and Youth Consultation Service.

The offering will be expended within the Diocese and therefore will not apply to the parish quotas. I have asked the Committee on the Program of the Church to organize and direct a campaign to ensure the widest publicity and to provide proper materials for this purpose. It is my hope that you will give your whole-hearted cooperation in obtaining maximum participation by all your parishioners.

The Bishop's Offering will enable our people to share in providing a fund to take care of the most urgent unmet needs of existing agencies. I know that as

your Bishop I can depend on you for your best effort in behalf of the Church and the Diocese in making this offering a most worthy one.

### Clergy Salaries

A matter which gives me increasing concern in this inflationary period in which we are living is that of the inadequacy of the stipends which are being paid to our parish and mission clergy. The median cash stipend paid to the clergy in this Diocese is \$3,600. This means that one-half of our clergy receive less than \$3,600 per year. Not only is this completely inadequate when related to increases in the cost of living, but it is lower than that prevailing in many other Dioceses.

In our Missionary Society with limited funds we are trying desperately to bring the stipends of our clergy above this median and by the end of this year we hope to exceed it on the average. But for the parishes it is a problem that can be solved only by the vestries and the people themselves. Time after time, during the period I have been your Bishop, vestries which have lost their Rectors have found that they could not replace them at the stipends being offered. I might add that it is probable that within the next few years we will face a shortage in the National Church of more than 2,000 clergymen.

In an age when skilled and semi-skilled workers in industry earn wages of from \$5,000 to \$7,000



per year and need such wages to support their families, how can we expect our clergy to maintain their self respect, to devote themselves with consecration to their vocations and to raise and educate their children on levels of stipends that were barely sufficient five to ten years ago?

Men are not drawn to the priesthood for financial gain, but they have every reason to expect that a congregation of Christian people will see their clergy and their families are provided for in an adequate way.

I would like this Convention by appropriate action to bring this matter to the attention of our vestries and toward this end would suggest that the matter be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business for a recommendation.

#### **Reorganization of the Diocese**

At my direction the clergy, vestries and advisory boards were sent copies of the report of the Committee on Reorganization of the Diocese about two months ago. It was my hope that this would give opportunity for full study so that when we gathered here today we should all be fully informed regarding the important changes in our canons which the report recommends. I am glad to tell you that only one suggested amendment involving policy has been made and it appears in the Calendar of Business. This in itself is a high compliment to the work of the Committee and I wish

to add my own appreciation of their achievement. All the clerical members of the Committee are men who have had long service on many boards and commissions as they exist today and others have had valuable experience in Dioceses where the Council system has been in effect. The lay members of the Committee are either outstanding attorneys or business executives, all active in Diocesan affairs and having intimate knowledge of the Diocesan organization.

At the Committee's request its Chairman conferred with me several times during the course of the Committee's deliberations and hence were able to reach unanimous agreement.

There can be little doubt in the mind of anyone of the need of modernization of our present antiquated system of operation. It is clear that all our Diocesan agencies should function, not singly as independent units, but as part of our Diocesan family. In this way a spirit of cooperation is engendered that will help all agencies in their respective tasks.

I firmly believe that under the proposed new arrangement the membership of all our departments will be composed of fully qualified people fairly representative of all areas of the Diocese. Because of the special qualifications required in many cases, it is my opinion that the choice for members of Council should not be on a geographical basis except as the report recommends in connection

with the Department of Missions. In the work of this department the parish clergy in the several Conventions are constantly needed for advice and consultation and in my judgment the membership of the Deans in the department is essential.

As I said in submitting the report for your consideration, I am certain that the recommendations, if enacted into legislation, will meet the present requirements of our administrative system and provide a frame-work which can adjust itself to changing conditions and eventualities. I trust that you will endorse the recommendations of the Committee.

If you adopt the canonical changes necessary to implement the recommendations of the Committee, I intend to call a Special Convention in October for the election of the members of the Council. This will make it possible for the new plan to be in operation by the end of this year. This is important, as already some of our agencies are marking time in view of the possible changes to be made in their status.

I also plan that we shall use this Special Convention as a means to inform our clergy and parish and mission delegates of the needs of the new Council for its work during the next year, and for reports from our deputies to the General Convention which by that time will have been adjourned. It would be an inspirational and educational meeting such as we have

not had for some time. The Special Convention would take the place of the Annual Fall Clergy Conference at West Point.

### Education

The matter of education, which is in the forefront of our Church's thinking leads me to make some observations on this whole subject. All of us are aware of the statement recently made by a noted educator to the effect that there is no room in our democracy for private school education. This brings in the question of the growing concern of our Church for Christian day school education. I was pleased that our Dean so admirably answered the criticisms and left no doubt in anyone's mind about our Church's attitude.

One of the most significant contemporary developments in the life of our Diocese is the increased attention being given to Christian day school education. This type of education is under attack by prominent educators, who are seeking to discourage the provision of religious-oriented education by the voluntary support of parishes and parents. They claim that such schools are inimical to American democracy. They make a great mistake; our American tradition is not one of totalitarianism in education any more than in any other aspect of life; it is one of freedom, freedom for parents to provide for their children the education which they believe will bring to them the finest fulfillment. We do not question the importance of public

schools, but we do believe that democracy itself is furthered by education which is grounded in the true meaning of man's existence, which the Christian faith can provide, but which a secular frame of reference can never provide.

Naturally as your chief Pastor, I am concerned that the Church in this Diocese take advantage of every opportunity for the spiritual nurture of our young people. While we must support our church schools, we must also be alert to take advantage of the released time program of our public schools. We must not neglect the opportunity which is presented to strengthen the religious education of our young people in the public schools through the use of released time, now that the "green light" has been given this system by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The majority opinion makes clear that this system of cooperation between religion and the schools is in line "with our best traditions" and the approval of the Court now puts it up to the Churches to realize this opportunity to its fullest. We have not always done this. Often when the opportunity for such education has been available our parishes have either failed to provide any such instruction or have not given it whole hearted interest and support. The very best skill available in the parish, including the time of our clergy should be de-

voted to this task. Every effort should be made to procure the necessary consent from parents so that all of our children who are in the public schools may regularly be receiving this additional opportunity of religious instruction which can well supplement the very limited time which we give to religious instruction on Sunday mornings.

#### **Committee on Drug Addiction**

A matter of grave concern to all in this city is the fact of the alarming increase of drug addiction. On learning of the extent of narcotic drug addiction, especially as it affects young people, I appointed a special committee under the chairmanship of the Reverend Canon Charles T. Bridgeman to study the problem. I am grateful for the excellent report and the recommendations contained therein which I recently received and have now under consideration. It is clear to me that the study of the problem of drug addiction and its control sponsored by our church must go on and I trust that Dr. Bridgeman and his committee will continue their interest as a Special Committee of the Commission on Christian Social Relations.

#### **Woman's Auxiliary**

No report on the affairs of the Diocese would be complete without reference to the outstanding work of the Woman's Auxiliary. These women are of unfailing assistance in forwarding the work of our Church. I am profoundly grateful for their prayers, their

loyalty, their unselfish devotion, and their missionary zeal.

### Conclusion

Any meeting of the Church which directs our attention towards so many details of business may obscure the real function of the Church's life. In our reflection on all these matters let us be certain we see clearly the spiritual realities they are meant to serve.

There is a pertinent suggestion in this post-Easter season. When St. Peter was at his business of fishing he became aware of the Risen Lord. Let us realize our Lord's presence in all that we do and say and plan here today. Thus shall our work not only be successful but also be sanctified. Important as our material resources are in carrying on our work, they are all secondary to the resources of our faith in Him Who strengthens us and makes us able for all things.

As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "One saith I am of Paul and another I am of Apollos: are ye not material? Who then is Paul and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man.

I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. All things are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

And so I conclude this report with gratitude for such advances we have made, fully aware how much your loyalty and coopera-

tion have been responsible for the progress and achievements of the past year. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore.

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### New Chaplain of College Work

On June 30th the Rev. John W. Pyle, present Vicar of the Chapel of the Redeemer, Yonkers, will resign his post to accept the post of Diocesan Chaplain of College Work. He will assume the duties of the Rev. Owen Thomas who is leaving to become an instructor at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

Chaplain Pyle was born in Los Angeles, Calif., and received his bachelors degree from the University of California in 1936 and his masters in 1938. He attended the Divinity School of the Pacific graduating in 1941 and was ordained deacon that year. He later served as a navy chaplain.

### The Bishop Commends St. Luke's Home

At the 100th Anniversary Tea at St. Luke's Home May 1st, The Rt. Rev. W. B. Donegan, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, said "the care of people of advanced years is a matter of concern to the Episcopal Church. It is a definite part of the Church's ministry. The state can provide certain economic securities for older people, but the state can never provide the affection and spirit which characterizes St. Luke's Home." (See the picture on page twenty-one).

## DIOCESAN CONVENTION--1952

The 170th Convention of the Diocese of New York met on Tuesday, May 13th and accomplished much important business. Harmony and a cooperative spirit prevailed in all of its deliberations.

The adoption of a far reaching plan of reorganization of the Diocese was voted by the convention. This will make possible a much more efficient and effective management of the work of the Diocese. This reorganization plan was submitted by a committee, appointed by Bishop Donegan after the 1951 convention, and was accepted with few minor changes by an almost unanimous vote.

This plan of the reorganization of the Diocese was printed in the May issue of the Bulletin. The new Canons, as passed, create an Executive Council in the Diocese, under the leadership of the Bishop. This Council will be charged with carrying out the work of the Diocese between conventions. The various departments and agencies which have previously reported only to the convention and have had little or no relationship with each other, will now all be a part of the Council, which will meet regularly four times each year.

The membership of the Council will consist of various Diocesan officers, and five priests and five laymen elected by the convention, and five men or women appointed by the Bishop. The Council will then be divided into five depart-

ments—Missions, Christian Education, Christian Social Relations, Finance, and Promotion. These departments will be further organized through their chairmen and will meet regularly to work out their own programs under the direction of the Convention and the Council. These programs, however, will be integrated into the work of the Council, which will serve as a clearing house for all ideas, and will be a means of extending the influence of the work of each department.

Bishop Donegan announced at the convention that he would call a special convention in October to elect the ten members of the Council in order that the reorganization plan might be put into operation.

The convention expressed unanimous approval and sincere thanks to the committee on reorganization, headed by Mr. R. H. Mansfield, for the splendid report which they had made and the plan which they had submitted.

### The 1953 Budgets

The convention adopted budgets as follows:

1. The assessment budget which includes the support of the Episcopate, the Diocesan Expense fund, and the Diocesan Missionary and Church Extension Society budget of \$190,936. This is an increase of 4% over the past year.

2. The proposed Missionary Budget for 1953 which is less than

that asked for this year, due to a revised plan of apportionment being recommended to the General Convention. While this new schedule will not be adopted until the General Convention meets in Boston, it seems likely that it will be passed. In which case the budget proposed will be \$836,569, 59% (or \$493,997) of which will go for the National Church Missionary budget, and the remaining 41% (or \$342,572) will be for our Diocesan missionary work and our departments, and the agencies which the Diocese helps to support.

Three new parishes were admitted into union with the convention, and were given warm words of welcome and a rising vote of congratulation. They are: St. Mark's, North Yonkers; St. Luke, The Beloved Physician, Manhattan; and St. Luke's, Tuckahoe.

Bishop Donegan's Convention Address was an encouraging report on the state of the Church in the Diocese. However, by action of the convention his plea for a study and consideration of clergy salaries in the Diocese was implemented by a resolution requesting vestries to consider the matter as soon as possible.

The Bishop's emphatic words of encouragement to those at work attempting to set up released time schools of religion in connection with the public schools and also endorsing parochial and church schools, was also warmly approved by resolutions of the convention.

A consideration of the plan pre-

sented by a member of the Standing Liturgical Commission in regard to the revision of the Prayer Book was laid on the table, without action, because of insufficient time to consider the report thoroughly. The report carried a resolution to recommend to General Convention that the Prayer Book studies of the Standing Liturgical Commission be completed as soon as possible; that the National Council encourage the study and consideration of these Prayer Book Studies; that a trial use of suggested and revised services be recommended and authorized by action of Diocesan Bishops, where possible; and that a new revision of the Prayer Book begin in 1958.

Most of the reports of commissions and agencies were submitted by title in order to clear the calendar of business for the discussion of the reorganization plan. However, an additional report was given by the City Mission Society, indicating that seventeen Chaplains in our city hospitals and institutions had served directly 23,000 people during the year, and with additional contacts made, had actually administered to more than 30,000 different people. A similar additional note was made to the report of the Seaman's Church Institute, showing the far reaching effectiveness of their work.

The convention, having made an historic change in its organization and accomplished many things that bid well for the future life and work of the Diocese, adjourned.

# ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

## Standing Committee — Class of 1956

The Very Rev. J. A. Pike                      Mr. D. M. Moffat  
*Dean of the Cathedral*                      *St. James', New York*

## Standing Committee — Class of 1954

The Rev. S. H. Bishop                      Mr. C. M. Walton, Jr.  
*St. Philip's, Manhattan*                      *St. John's, Larchmont*

## General Convention Deputies

The Ven. G. F. Bratt <i>Archdeacon of the Diocese</i>	Dr. S. F. Bayne <i>Trinity, Manhattan</i>
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The Rev. J. Heuss <i>Trinity Church, Manhattan</i>	Mr. C. G. Michalis <i>Heavenly Rest, Manhattan</i>
The Very Rev. J. A. Pike <i>Dean of the Cathedral</i>	Mr. Clifford P. Morehouse <i>St. Luke's, Katonah</i>

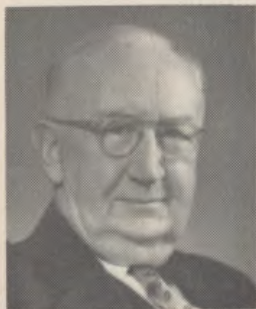
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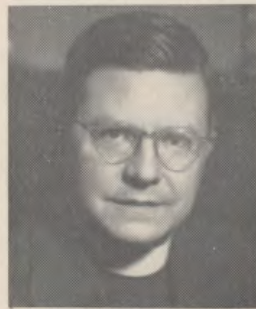
## Deputies to Provincial Synod

The Rev. C. K. Ackerman <i>Christ Church, Tarrytown</i>	Mr. L. Bristol, Jr. <i>St. Bartholomew's, Manhattan</i>
The Rev. L. J. Winterbottom <i>St. John's, Yonkers</i>	Mr. J. Carter <i>Grace Church, Millbrook</i>
The Rev. C. H. Graf <i>St. John's, Manhattan</i>	

## DEPUTIES TO GENERAL CONVENTION



S. F. BAYNE



JAMES A. PIKE



C. P. MOREHOUSE

### Provisional Deputies to Synod

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION MEETS IN SEPTEMBER



G. W. Burpee of Christ Church, Bronxville, and the Ven. G. F. Bratt, Archdeacon of the Diocese, also are Deputies to General Convention. The Convention meets in Boston, September 7-19. Among the distinguished guests will be the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, who will give two addresses during the Convention.



## BISHOP BOYNTON'S ADDRESS

IT is my privilege at this time to express the depth of happiness that has been mine during the past year to be of assistance to you all in the work of the Church in this Diocese. I have enjoyed to the full sitting in on the various Commissions and Committees, presiding at meetings and fall and spring convocations, preaching on special occasions, performing Official Acts assigned to me, and above all administering the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation in 110 parishes, missions and institutions to 1589 baptized persons, and receiving 82 from the Roman Communion and 7 from the Eastern Churches.

What I deem my highest privilege has been the many personal visits I have had either at the Cathedral or in the parishes and missions primarily with the clergy, but on no few occasions with the laity. A Suffragan Bishop's vocation, as I see it and have experienced it, is not administrative, but pastoral. And of all the aspects of the Episcopal Office, the pastoral is the one I treasure most. I only hope and pray that within the context of this pastoral ministry I have been privileged to give as much as I have in turn received.



Forgive me if I inject a personal note here. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your sincere expressions of sympathy offered me on the occasion of my mother's recent death. Of course you do know how much it has meant to me and to what a marked degree your prayers have sustained me and mine. But I want you to hear me say it, for I want my expression of appreciation to be but one more instance of the reward which comes from the faithful performance of the personal and pastoral ministry of love and prayer.

### Pastors of Souls

The faithful and competent administration of your work is important of course. The performance, with great dignity and awesome reverence of the Services of the Church is even more important, and your bounden duty. Without your untiring efforts to meet your parochial budgets, to maintain the fabric of your buildings, and to underwrite your Diocesan Assessment and Missionary Quota, the progress of organized religion as we know it would be seriously hampered. But all of these things are secondary to the "esse" of our Holy Religion; the expression of the love of God to His very own through His sacred ministers. Without that, all these other things would be soul-less.

If I am permitted to make a plea, it is that we all, clergy and

laity alike, redouble our pastoral ministry during the coming year. There is no substitute for the personal call, in Christian love, and the preparing for that call and the climaxing of that call with prayer, whereby we bring ourselves, and the needs of those committed to our charge, to the Throne of God.

I need not remind you of how desperately the world of people need sympathy, understanding and love. People may not show it. All too often they put on an arrogant front. But we know that their very brashness is equalled only by the depth of their insecurity and yearning to be loved.

And we are God's chosen mini-

sters of love. God so loved the world that he came and called on us all in the person of His Son. We are likewise so to love by coming and calling on His suffering world in the name of His Beloved Son. The world is suffering; and we must never forget that God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.

The prayer, the visit, the kindly word, the written note of joy or concern, the warmth of hand-clasp, the understanding smile, the silent vigil—they are the trademarks of the priestly life, the pastoral ministry, which you have so recently revealed to me and which we beg that you reveal to all men.



—Photo by N. Y. Herald Tribune

Eighty-three student nurses, the largest class to enter New York's St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in peace time, were graduated on May 15th in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, at the invitation of the Bishop of New York, the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, D. D. The Very Rev. James A. Pike, J. S. D., Dean of the Cathedral, delivered the commencement address. Diplomas were presented by Edwin S. S. Sunderland, LL. D., President of the Hospital. Others taking part in the ceremony were Dr. Paul C. Morton, President of the Medical Board, and Miss Ruth K. Moser, Director of Nursing.

# THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

Among the gifts in the United Thank Offering of \$19,498.49 presented at the Cathedral on May 6 was one from the oldest known contributor in the Diocese, Mrs. Thomas R. Almond of St. Thomas parish, Manhattan.

Mrs. Almond is 102 years old, her birth date being March 20, 1850. For many years she has



Mrs. Thomas R. Almond

contributed to the United Thank Offering and done her part to complete the knitting assignment of the Supply Department of the Woman's Auxiliary; and the Lenten Sewing Group. Children's sweaters, caps and baby blankets are her specialties. Mrs. Almond attends church regularly "weather permitting". She has many friends among the younger generations.

The United Thank Offering presentation on May 6 was the sixth of this Triennium and brings to \$123,226.48 the sum now in hand to be taken from this Diocese to the Triennial service at Boston on Sept. 11. At this most impressive occasion of the Triennial Meeting, Mrs. John Whiteley, United Thank Offering Treasurer of the Diocese will place on the historic golden almsbason the gift of the women of New York.

These gifts represent tangibly the many thoughts and prayers of thanksgiving to God which women of New York have uttered, and they will be used to bring to others in many places near and far the blessings of the knowledge of God and His Church. Gifts which have not yet been sent in will be included in this Offering if they reach Mrs. Whiteley by Sept. 1.

A Corporate Communion will be held in many parishes on Thursday, Sept. 11 simultaneously with the service of presentation in Boston.

## Woman's Auxiliary Plans Ahead

On Saturday, October 4, the Woman's Auxiliary will hold its Ninth Triennial Missionary Luncheon to honor the missionaries of the Church at the Henry Hudson Hotel. Missionary guests entertained at many parish tables, will be introduced; our Bishop will bring his greeting, and the

speakers will be Bishop Binsted of the Philippines and Bishop Harris of Liberia. Reservations may be made through Mrs. Bedell H. Harned, 200 E. 66 St., New York 21.

To present the work of September's Triennial Meeting and to promote the winter's program, the Woman's Auxiliary plans three Conferences in place of the October Diocesan Meeting. For the northern section of the Diocese, October 16 at Poughkeepsie; for the evening branches, October 19 at the Cathedral; for the southern

section, October 28 at the Cathedral.

The Woman's Auxiliary will cooperate in the School of Worship to be held each Monday in November at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. A brief service, a lecture and seminar will comprise each program; the subjects are: The Theology and Psychology of Worship, The History of Prayer Book Worship, The Intention of Morning and Evening Prayer, The Centrality of the Eucharist.



Miss Muriel W. Ashwell, President of the Board of Managers of St. Luke's Home, watches the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, Bishop of New York, cut the 100th Anniversary Cake at the Centennial Tea at the Home on May 1st, while Mrs. Guy Beaver King, Honorary President of the Board of Managers, and the Rev. James A. Paul, D.D., Rector of Holy Trinity Church and President of the Board of Trustees, look on.

## New Building For St. Augustine's, Yonkers

On June 4th, a dream of over forty-years was realized for the people of St. Augustine's, Yonkers, when the Bishop laid the cornerstone and opened that congregation's new building at 81 Locust Hill Avenue.

The new building of slag block and fieldstone, with laminated wood trusses, was erected as the first project under the newly organized Diocesan building program. Under this plan, a certain amount is allocated each year for the construction of new churches in strategic areas.

When completely equipped the nave will seat approximately 175 persons. In the crypt, there are a

guild hall, kitchen, washrooms, furnace rooms and storage rooms. A parking lot, with a black-top driveway, to accomodate approximately 35 cars was prepared at the rear of the church.

The vicar, the Rev. Alger L. Adams, said that response to the challenge of the new facilities had been excellent and that he anticipates that St. Augustine's will more than fulfill the expectation under which the building was undertaken.

Members of the Advisory Board are: Harold Fields, treasurer; Samuel Williams, clerk; Norman Downes, Warner Fields, William Hawkins, John R. Richardson, Philip Sanchez and Wilburn Smith.



The new St. Augustine's, Yonkers, N. Y.

### **Episcopal City Mission Society's Summer Camps**

Thirty-nine Churches in the Diocese referred children to the Episcopal City Mission Society for summer camping in 1951.

The Society maintains two camps. The Edgewater Creche and Rethmore Home, located on a beautiful, old estate in Englewood, New Jersey, cares for 300 children aged 5 to 8 each summer. Eiko Lake Camps for boys and girls, located on a thousand acres of fields and woodland with a fifty-four acre clear water lake in the Catskills, take 1,000 children aged 9 to 15 during July and August.

The policy at both camps is to take children who need a country vacation and whose parents cannot afford to meet their need. Further information may be obtained from the Camp Registrar, Miss Elizabeth C. Klein, N. Y. Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society, 38 Bleecker Street, New York 12, N. Y. Telephone: Digby 9-0633.

### **Summer Work Camp For Youth of the Diocese**

A unique experiment in the field of Youth work is being sponsored by three of our Diocesan clergy with the full consent of the Bishop. The Rev. David T. P. Bradley, Christ Church, Yonkers, the Rev. Robert C. Ward, St. John's Church, Cornwall in cooperation with the Rev. Charles H. Breiant, Vicar of Stone Ridge and Rosendale are recruiting twelve or more young

Episcopalians between the ages of sixteen and twenty to form a work group. The purpose of the Camp will be to demonstrate the redemptive power of the Church to these young people as they engage in the physical rehabilitation of our mission Church in Rosendale, New York. The Campers will live a Christian family life together as the clergy, their wives and the young people share the work and responsibility of a common task.

The Parish House of the All Saints Mission will furnish the living accommodations and a full program of worship and recreation along with the carpentry, painting and repair of the interior of the Church is planned.

The costs per camper is to be held at a minimum and a fee of thirty-five dollars for a two week period is estimated to be adequate. All interested priests who have possible applicants are urged to get in touch with Frs. Ward or Bradley at their respective parish addresses as soon as possible.



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## 2nd ANNUAL LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Second Annual Laymen's Conference for the Diocese was held Saturday, May 17, 1952 with more than two hundred men representing parishes and missions in attendance.

Using the theme "What on Earth Are You Doing" discussion on various phases of lay responsibility were presented by outstanding laymen in the Diocese.

Mr. Lee Bristol, Jr. assistant to the Advertising Manager of the Bristol-Myers Corporation gave the keynote address emphasizing the seven day a week job of a practicing Christian no matter in what field of endeavor he is.

A panel composed of Messrs: Carter, Bermingham, Pleuthner and Bristol heckled and goaded by Charles Bound argued such questions as "Can you be a Christian and still make money?" "Why don't more men attend Church?" "Are modern advertising methods

too undignified to be used by the Church?" "Are the activities and the services of the Church primarily designed to interest women and children?" The audience entered into the spirited give and take of the program with many ideas presented from the floor.

The Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, Bishop of New York, offered a stirring charge to the men in his development of the subject "Laymen at Worship and Prayer" and the Commission on Christian Social Relations under the direction of the Rev. Leland B. Henry gave the men a glimpse of the workshop technique in presenting four phases of the Social Relations program.

Following a buffet supper served in the Undercroft, Dean Pike summarized the Conference in a discussion of the Faith of the Church highlighting certain specific implications for laymen.



Intermission at the Second Annual Laymen's Conference, May 17th. A few of the two hundred delegates join in an exchange of greetings in front of the Synod Hall.



## Diocesan Summer Conferences

The Diocesan Summer Conferences for children and young people will have as their theme this year "Creed and Conduct". The conferences will be held again at St. Peters School, Peekskill, N. Y. and each conference will begin on a Sunday afternoon and continue through Saturday morning. The first period for youngsters six to thirteen years of age will begin on June 22nd and application for camp reservations should be made at once. The second period will start on June 29th and is for children ages 14 to 18 only. The third period is again for younger children ages six to thirteen and will start on July 6th.

The cost for a full week of each camp will be fifteen dollars and registrations should be sent in to the Board of Religious Education, Diocesan House, 1047 Amsterdam Ave., New York City.

## New Director For Camp Pequot

Camp Pequot, the summer camp for boys run by the Holy Trinity and by St. James', will open for its 37th year on July 2nd. The new director of the Camp is Mr. Thomas N. S. Shaw, a member of the faculty of the Wooster School in Danbury, Connecticut.

Camp Pequot is located on Lake Stahahe in Bear Mountain State Park, about 35 mile from New York. The Camp accepts boys from 7 to 16 years of age. This year's season will end on August

27th. Parents who wish to enroll their sons should write directly to Mr. Shaw for application blanks.

## St. Peter's School Benefit

The Headmaster of Saint Peter's School has asked us to extend his thanks for the support given by the people of the Diocese to the Annual Scholarship Benefit given at the Biltmore Hotel on April 25. The net proceeds for the Scholarship Fund amounted to \$1400. In order that the date may be reserved for next year he is announcing that the Concert and Dance will again be held at the Biltmore on Friday evening, April 24, 1953.

## Church Club of N. Y. Elects Officers

The 65th Annual Meeting of The Church Club of New York (club for Episcopal laymen) was held at the Club, in the Ambassador Hotel, on Monday evening, May 5th, 1952. The President, Douglas M. Moffat, presided at the meeting which was preceded by a dinner for the members.

The following Officers were elected for one-year terms:

President	— Clifford P. Morehouse
Vice-Presidents	— Marsden B. Candler
	— John Gerdes
	— Henry W. Mott
Secretary	— Bedell H. Harned
Treasurer	— Edwin Gibbs

The following Trustees were elected to the Board, for three-year terms:

Trustees,	— Harry M. Addinsell
Class of 1955	— Henry G. Hotchkiss
	— Charles G. Proffitt

# NEWS FROM THE CONVOCATIONS

## BRONX

At the Spring Meeting of the Convocation, the following were elected to fill the offices of those whose terms had expired: the Rev. Gerald V. Barry, Christ Church, and Mr. Neilson Tomlinson, Trinity Church, members of the Council; The Rev. Wendell Roberts, Trinity Church, Secretary; Mr. Silas Gairing, St. Peter's, Treasurer; the Rev. Charles J. Buck, and Mr. Louis F. Stauss, Holy Nativity. Representatives to the Board of Managers; the Rev. Albert Campion, Mediator, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Mr. John Pudie, Mediator, Chairman of Men's Work; Mr. Douglas Davis, St. Peter's, recommended Chairman, with canonical approval of the Bishop, of the Program of the Church; the Rev. Ernest Davies, St. Paul's, Chairman of Religious Education; Mrs. Joseph R. Kinney, St. Peter's, Chairman of Woman's Work; and the Rev. Gerald V. Barry, representative on the Committee of Episcopal Service to the Aged.

A Retreat for the Men of the Convocation was held at Wainwright House, Rye, from Friday night, June 6 through breakfast, Monday morning, June 9.

The Annual Outing for the congregations of the Bronx will be held on Saturday, June 14, at Rye Beach. It is expected that attendance will exceed the record of last year's thousand.

The Convocation branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held its annual Service and meeting at Simeon's. Enthusiastic reports of great progress were made, and two missionary films were shown, *Strength to the Hills* (work amongst the Dakota Indians) and *Wings to the Word* (the Church in Brazil).

The Choir of the *CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY* presented Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury*, and Wolf-Ferrari's *Secret of Susanna* on

May 22 and 23, in a benefit for the Parish House Fund, for the renovation of the kitchen.

Father Bishop, of St. Philip's, Harlem, was the speaker at the Men's Dinner, sponsored by the *CHRIST CHURCH, Riverdale*, Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on May 16th. His subject: "The Church's



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Responsibility in our Society—to what extent should the Church take a position on the Social and Economic Issues of the Day?”.

The Annual Spring Supper Party for ALL the parish and All their friends was held at St. Simeon's on May 15th.

The many friends of the Rev. William Krause, honorary assistant at ST. JAMES', Fordham, will be happy to know that his health is constantly improving.

At CHRIST CHURCH, Riverdale, an American flag has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Billings Wilson, and a Church flag by Mrs. Clifford Infield and Mrs. Gustave Rees. These flags were dedicated on Rogation Sunday.

The Rev. Hugh H. Henry, Vicar of ST. LUKE'S, Williamsbridge, will celebrate a double anniversary on Trinity Sunday, that of his ordination to the Priesthood, and his coming to St. Luke's, eleven years ago.

The rector of ST. JAMES, Fordham, the Rev. Arthur V. Litchfield, presented

Mr. Howard A. Simpson for ordination to the Diocanate on June 8th at the Cathedral. Mr. Simpson will preach his first sermon as Deacon in St. James Church on June 15th.

—Leslie J. A. Lang

### DUTCHESS

CHRIST CHURCH, Poughkeepsie, presented T. S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral* as a Parish Play on May 9 and 10 this year. The part of Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, was played by David DeGarmo Smith, the Clerk of the Vestry of Christ Church and a member of the Diocesan Board of Managers. The rest of the cast included:

*Herald*

Sabra Sutton, high school student

*First Priest*

John Covel, printer

*Second Priest*

Clarence Pelton, grade school principal

*Third Priest*

Raymond Aldrich, Jr., attorney and city alderman



*First Tempter*

*Dorothy Gilbert, housewife*

*Second Tempter*

*The Rev. J. Jack Sharkey, Zion Church, Wappingers Falls*

*Third Tempter*

*The Rev. Robert E. Terwilliger, Christ Church, Poughkeepsie*

*Fourth Tempter*

*Langdon Gilkey, Lecturer in Religion at Vassar College*

*First Knight*

*John F. Collins, Jr., high-school student*

*Second Knight*

*Kenneth Duncan, journalist*

Episcopal students at Vassar College and members of the parish worked together on the production. The students directed and played the roles of the Women of Canterbury and the singing chorus, as well as working on the stage crews.

The play was directed by Miss Nancy McCaslin, Assistant for College Work in the Ministry of the Episcopal Church to Vassar College. The mood of the presentation was vivid and exciting. The play was acted before a scarlet curtain; the tempo of the chorus was rapid and its members participated in the action of the scene.

By these new departures it was intended to make this profound verse drama readily understandable to an American lay audience. This effort was rewarded by the great enthusiasm of large audiences.

The Rev. Gordon Kidd, rector of *ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Hyde Park*, announces that the Wardens and Vestry of the parish have received the major portion of a million dollar bequest to the parish by the will of the late Sylvia Green Wilks.

*The Episcopalian*, news bulletin of *CHRIST CHURCH, Red Hook* and *ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Barrytown*, carries a full page by the Rector, the Rev. John Q. Martin, relative to the recent decision of the local

school board to discontinue school-bus transportation for pupils released to the churches for religious education. Fr. Martin points out that the same buses are used for other "quasi educational" purposes on a discriminatory basis.

*ST. PAUL'S CHURCH* in *Poughkeepsie* is faced with several major repair tasks according to *The Kalendar*. Repairs to the church steeple are being held in abeyance when it was discovered that the cost of scaffolding alone would cost at least \$2,800. Attention is now turned to a study of the heating system by experts. A confirmation class of thirty-eight was recently presented to Bishop Boynton by the Rector, the Rev. William T. Gray.

The Vestry of *ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Arlington*, has decided to form an Associate Vestry which will attend regular Vestry meetings and serve on the various committees. The Rev. Gordon C. Graham, Rector, feels that such an organization will provide working lines more than social.

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The Convocation held its Spring Meeting at *GRACE CHURCH, Millbrook*, on April 29th with the Rev. Ralph D. Bonacker, Rector and twenty-six of his men as hosts. At the business meeting, the Rev. Dr. Robert Terwilliger was elected Dean of the Convocation to succeed the Rev. Gordon Kidd who completed a three-year term of office. Following supper, the Rev. Edward N. West, Canon Sacrist of the Cathedral spoke on *The Setting of the Service*.

The Rector of *GRACE CHURCH, Millbrook*, has organized a religious group among the girls at Bennett Junior College in Millbrook. They will affiliate with either the Student Christian Movement or the National Canterbury Association. A weekly celebration of the Holy Communion is held for the girls. This is one of the three colleges in the Convocation along with Vassar and Bard.

The Rector of *CHRIST CHURCH, Poughkeepsie*, has completed a post-Easter series of evening sermons entitled "The World of the Resurrection." The purpose of the series, which covered the five principal cities of the first century—Jerusalem, Rome, Athens, Ephesus and Alexandria—was to describe the environment into which the Christian appeared and to show it may be described as the fullness of the times.

The Rector of *ST. PAUL'S and TRINITY PARISH, Tivoli*, the Rev. W. Lever Bates, presented as preacher on May 25th, his father, the Rev. C. J. L. Bates, D. D., of Toronto, Canada. Dr. Bates was for forty years a missionary in Japan, during which time he was President of Kwansai Gakuin University.

The annual Quiet Day for the Woman's Auxiliary of the District was held on May 19th at the St. Clare's House for retired Deaconesses in Upper Red Hook. The Conductor was the Rev. Father Joseph, S. S. F. of the Franciscan

Monastery in England, at present touring this country.

*ZION CHURCH* in *Wappingers Falls*, in an effort to personalize the missionary effort of the parish, has "adopted" a native Haitian missionary, the Rev. Octave Lafontant, by arrangement with Bishop Voegeli in Haiti and the permission of the director of the Overseas Department. Bishop John B. Bentley, Vice President of the National Council, just returned from a trip through the Carribean area, spoke at the local parish recently, telling of the work in Haiti and his visit with the "adopted" missionary and his wife, Lisette.

A taffeta Church Flag, the gift of the Rives family and Lay Reader Herbert Nussbickel, has been dedicated at Zion, and a banner, bearing the name of the parish and a Jerusalem cross in red on gold satin was first used in the procession at the Cathedral Presentation service.

—Jack Sharkey

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## HUDSON

The Parish Hall at *ST. JOHN'S, Cornwall*, proved to be too small for the number of delegates expected at Annual Spring Convocation of the Hudson, so the Masonic Hall was hired for the occasion. Nearly 150 men attended on Wednesday, April 30th. Bishop Donagan was present and asked the blessing. He then turned over the gavel to Dean Tongue who conducted the meeting. The Bishop told of his hopes and expectations for the Bishop's Offering this month. Mr. Heintz, president of the New York Assembly of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, spoke of the value of a Brotherhood chapter in a parish and the Rev. Edward N. West, Canon Sacrist of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York took the assemblage back to a Christian church of the fourth century and described its worship. Archdeacon Bratt and Mr. Ted Gannaway also spoke briefly. Dean Tongue reported an active year for the Dean and Council, and stated that all parishes and missions are staffed. At the annual election all officers were reelected with the following exceptions: Mr. Henry L. Shipp of Ellenville was elected to the Council to take the place of Col. Clinton G. Harris, who died recently, and Mr. Earle Houghtaling of Walden, elected to be Treasurer of the Convocation in place of Mr. Hubert Smith of High Falls who is too ill to continue his duties.

Twenty-seven laymen from Cornwall constituted the largest delegation from the Convocation. The Rector, the Rev. Robert C. W. Ward was reelected Chairman of Christian Education.

*ALL SAINTS, Rosendale*, commemorated the 75th Anniversary of its first service on Easter Sunday. The largest congregation in years filled the newly renovated Church for this service and heard an inspiring message from Bishop Boynton.

The women of *ST. ANDREW'S, Walden*, report the largest U. T. O.

Spring offering ever to come from the Parish. The amount is \$74.00

*ST. JOHN'S Ellenville*, the Rev. George R. Hiatt, Rector, reports a growing Church School with one third larger enrollment this year.

*ST. JOHN'S, Kingston*, reports the largest Easter Offering in years—\$640.  
—Allan Tongue

## MANHATTAN

Charter Day was observed at *TRINITY CHURCH, Broadway* at the head of Wall Street, on Tuesday, May 6, 1952, as the anniversary of the founding of the parish on May 6, 1697, when Colonial Governor Benjamin Fletcher signed its royal charter granted by William the Third of England. Commemorative prayers of thanksgiving were said

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at all services on Tuesday throughout Trinity Parish. The historic parish was two hundred and fifty-five years old.

The Rev. Raymond Cunningham, Jr., will join the clergy staff of *GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH*, Broadway at 10th Street, on September 1st, according to the Rev. Dr. Louis W. Pitt, the Rector.

*ST. JAMES' PARISH* gave a block party for The House of the Holy Comforter. Neighboring parishes, Epiphany, Heavenly Rest, Holy Trinity, Resurrection, St. George's, joined in the effort.

*TRINITY*, Wall Street, held its great Annual Ascension Day Services again this year. Canon Newman was the preacher.

*ST. GEORGE'S* announces the Children's Circus Carnival for June 7th—clowns, animals, games and rides, balloons and prizes—for children of all ages.

The *CHAPEL OF THE INTERCESSION* held a Fiesta on May 14 and 15, with dinner, handmade articles and food for sale, style shows, and Powers models.

*CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION* held a Smorgasbord dinner—for the benefit of its missions quota—put on by its Clares and Friars Club.

*ST. PETER'S*, Chelsea, held a County Fair on Wednesday, May 7—food, games, and dancing. Money raised will be used to replace an entry,

paint the fence. A fund is being raised also to repair the church tower.

The Manhattan correspondent notes, with interest, that some of the Manhattan parish bulletins contain sermon summaries, among them, St. Bartholomew's, Heavenly Rest, Transfiguration, St. George's, Ascension, and Incarnation.

—Charles H. Graf

## RAMAPO

At *GRACE CHURCH*, Port Jervis, eighty delegates attended the meeting of the convocation on May 1st, heard talks on college work, the Brotherhood of S. Andrew, reorganization plans for the Diocese, religious education, and the New York State thruway. J. S. Bixby, vestryman, Christ Church, Poughkeepsie district, gave a careful and optimistic treatment of the human results of the numerous parkways and super highways that are being planned in the Diocese of New York. He laid stress upon the rapid expansion necessary in churches that will soon be affected, in Orange and in Rockland counties, and he pleaded for adaptability and liveliness in our parishes and missions, friendliness to strangers and willingness to expand our services to newcomers.

In *ST. JAMES'*, Goshen, Bishop Boynton admitted sixteen acolytes and

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officers on May 1st to the order of St. Vincent.

*CHRIST CHURCH, Suffern*, mails *Home Prayers* to twenty sick persons who are not able to attend Sunday services.

*GRACE CHURCH, Nyack*, sent six couples to assist Dean Pike at the Cathedral May 25th, and will present a spring concert on the 13th of June.

One priest and two young persons from Ramapo attended a three-day family conference at Camp DeWolfe, Wading River, Long Island, May 29-31.  
—Fessenden A. Nichols

### RICHMOND

**WOMENS' AUXILIARY:** Mrs. Thomas Dobson, *ST. JOHN'S*, formerly vice chairman of the District will fill the unexpired term of one year of Mrs. Walker De Waters, who has resigned as Diocesan V. P. in charge of the district of Richmond to become V. P. in charge of the Dept. of Christian Social Relations. Mrs. Peter Dempster, *ASCENSION*, becomes District Missions Promotion Officer in place of Mrs. Roger Roughton, *ST. MARY'S*, resigned. Other new District officers chosen to date are Mrs. James E. Rawling, *ST. ANDREW'S*, Vice-chairman, Mrs. A. H. Watt, *ST. MARY'S*, Christian Social Relations.

A Quiet Day, sponsored by the Devotional Dept. was held at *CHRIST CHURCH* on May 13th, Miss Estelle Carver S. C. H. C. conducted the three meditations. Miss Carver has been heard over the radio on *Lives of the Saints* and has addressed many groups of women in many Dioceses.

**CHURCH of the ASCENSION:** Ascension Day marks a century and a half of life in this parish.

In March of 1949, Bishop Donegan presided at the opening of the Church, built in early English style, complete with new appointments and vestments.

The Ascension Day festival is in re-

ality a triple anniversary. The sesqui-centennial of the Parish: the 20th anniversary of the school: the tenth year as Rector of Father Rogers.

**CHRIST CHURCH:** A new Girls' Friendly Branch has been formed for junior girls, about fourteen, with Miss Helaine A. Perine as advisor.

—Roger Roughton

### WESTCHESTER

*ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, White Plains*, celebrated the paying off of the mortgage on its Church building on Sunday, May 11th, with a Mortgage Burning Service. Erected in 1927 at a cost of \$125,000, the mortgage at first was \$65,000.

*ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Yonkers*, held a Religious Education Rally on Monday, May 5th, in their Parish Hall. All Church School teachers, parents of children in the Parish, and representatives of parish organizations were present. The speaker was the Rev. Charles J. Buck, Chairman of Religious Education for the Diocese.

The members of *ST. SIMON'S CHURCH, New Rochelle*, presented Roland Hayes, tenor, in an intimate song recital at the County Center, White Plains, on May 21st. St. Simon's is one of our active Mission Churches.

The Vestry of *CHRIST CHURCH, Yonkers*, deserve special credit writes the rector, the Rev. David T. P. Bradley, for the repainting of the entire nave of the church. It was all done in one night.

The Guild of *ST. JAMES CHURCH, Somers*, gave two substantial gifts at Easter to the glory of God and the beautifying of their parish church. They underwrote the cost of painting and decorating the interior of the church and provided a new carpet, covering the entire floor of the church, the nave and the sanctuary.

—Kenneth C. Ackerman