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Bishop's Christmas Message

We are approaching the most sacred of holidays. It is the holiday of the high and low, wise and ignorant. The holiday of everlasting hope, the renewal of a promise from our creator that He knows no creed or race.

After God made the world and created man, thousands of years passed, drab, hopeless years, generations of idolatry. Except for a few shining exceptions man had forgotten his Maker.

Religion was for the chosen few. The poor were but slaves denied the hope of heaven. It was a religion of hate, fear and bitterness.

Imagine then the wild rejoicing when the angel of Jehovah appeared before the humble shepherds and said, "Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy."

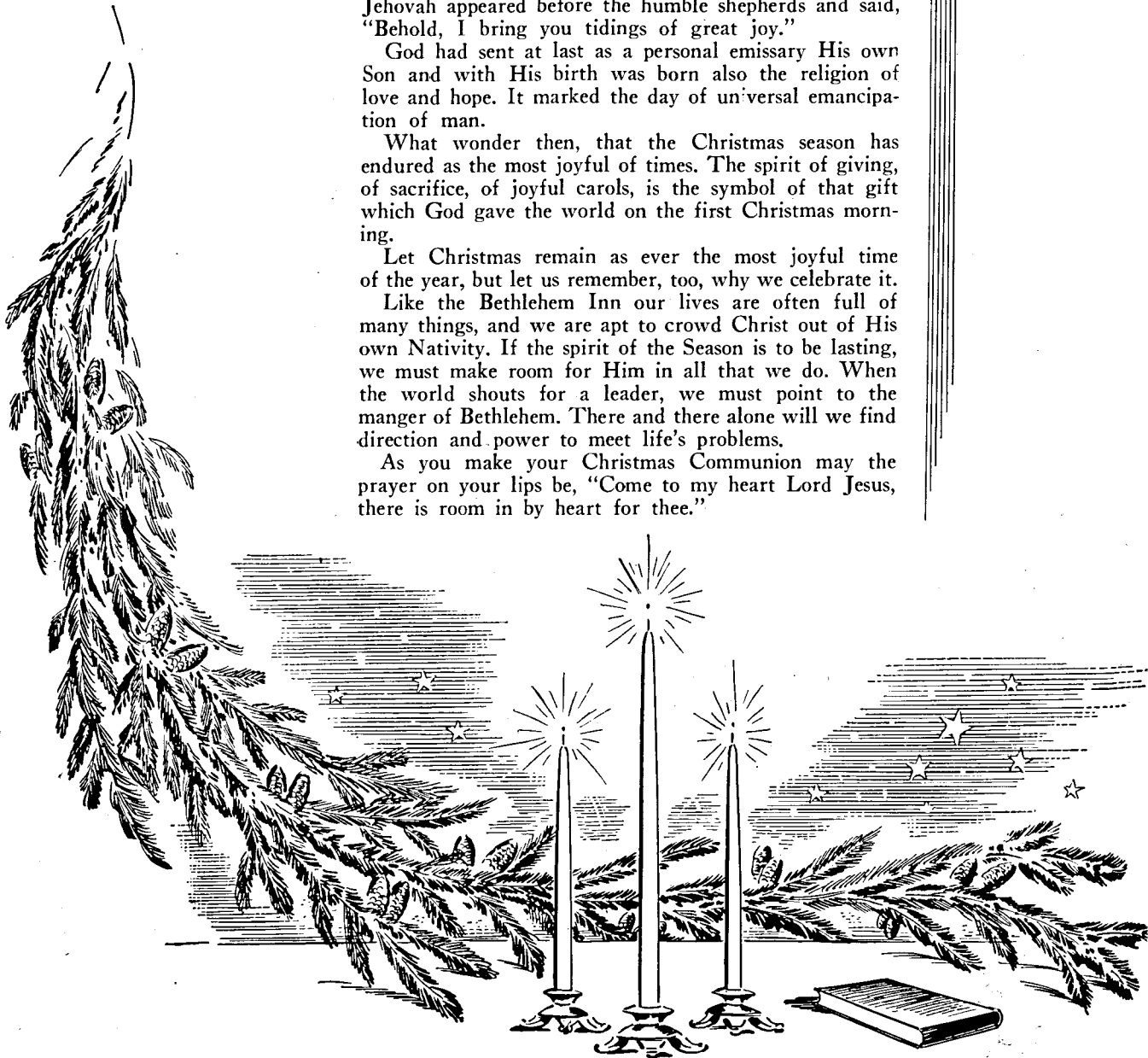
God had sent at last as a personal emissary His own Son and with His birth was born also the religion of love and hope. It marked the day of universal emancipation of man.

What wonder then, that the Christmas season has endured as the most joyful of times. The spirit of giving, of sacrifice, of joyful carols, is the symbol of that gift which God gave the world on the first Christmas morning.

Let Christmas remain as ever the most joyful time of the year, but let us remember, too, why we celebrate it.

Like the Bethlehem Inn our lives are often full of many things, and we are apt to crowd Christ out of His own Nativity. If the spirit of the Season is to be lasting, we must make room for Him in all that we do. When the world shouts for a leader, we must point to the manger of Bethlehem. There and there alone will we find direction and power to meet life's problems.

As you make your Christmas Communion may the prayer on your lips be, "Come to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in by heart for thee."





CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S HOME

Through the kindness of friends Christmas is a time of great rejoicing for the children of St. Mary's Home. They are always remembered with personal gifts, as well as the ingredients for a luscious Christmas dinner. Santa Claus never forgets to pay the children a visit.

Presiding Bishop Tells First Steps in Churchwide Evangelistic Effort

Presiding Bishop Sherrill is placing before the Church the starting point of the campaign of Evangelism to be carried out next year. He has emphasized the need for people ready and qualified to do the work of an evangelist, and that this proposed campaign is largely a layman's challenge and task.

Bishop Sherrill has asked the bishops to arrange for a Quiet Day with their clergy in Advent, to study the basic principles of Evangelism and to plan for the deepening of their own spiritual lives. He asks that clergy select from the strength—not from the weakness—of their congregations a number of people who are especially fitted to meet others and talk with them about religion. These people, it is suggested, should join in a day or more of study and preparation; then make personal calls on all the people of the congregation, allotting an agreed-upon number of people to each visitor. During the calls, there is to be conversation about the spiritual status of the people, and an effort to secure their participation in a Churchwide corporate communion on the first Sunday of next Lent. Visitors will carry with them a letter from the Presiding Bishop, one from the Bishop of the Diocese, perhaps a letter from the rector, and one or two pieces of suitable literature.

Visitors will be asked to write careful reports on every visit—not fill in questionnaires—but an assessment of spiritual status. From these reports, a parish may evaluate its spiritual worth, and dioceses may do the same.

Bishop Sherrill explained that this is a simple beginning, but that the preparation, the great corporate act of worship on the First Sunday of Lent, the development of a

large body of men and women who are able and willing to talk naturally about spiritual matters, is a fundamental preparation for following steps, and gradual development of means of reaching both the lapsed Church members and many of the millions of the totally unchurched.

Our Family Grows

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reed welcomed the arrival of Janet Lewis, on October 25. Mr. Reed is our Diocesan Treasurer. Janet Lewis is their second daughter and a most delightful addition to the Diocesan family.

The Reverend and Mrs. Burton L. Linscott announce the arrival of Betty Lou on November 15. They have a son, John. We are happy indeed to welcome Betty Lou into the fellowship of our Diocesan family.

University Episcopal Students

Students of the University of Hawaii, who are members of our Church had a Corporate Holy Communion service at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday, December 7 at 8:00 a.m. followed by breakfast at the Diocesan House. The Bishop was celebrant.

Members of this group formed on December 7, 1941, during the blitz, to have their first Corporate Communion together, and to officially organize their group.

These young people had a tea at the Diocesan House on Sunday afternoon, November 23, between four and six, for a time of fellowship. Miss Winifred Mann assisted the University students with the arrangements for their party. The Bishop spoke informally to the group and helped them with plans for the future.



Youth Program Stresses Work of Evangelism

To "Know the Christ and to Make Him Known," is the evangelistic theme of the United Movement of the Church's Youth. This theme was put into action by many of the young people during the last two months when they conducted their all-youth canvass. Inactive young people were called upon by those who were taking an active part in the U.M.C.Y. program. Because of these personal calls, in which youth witnessed to youth, many inactive young people are now functioning in the life of the Church and are finding this year's U.M.C.Y. program meeting a real need. It is through active participation in the U.M.C.Y. that they are finding the means to come to "Know the Christ" through worship and study and to "Make Him Known" through service and fellowship.

This year's devotional manual, *ON THE KING'S HIGHWAY*, is a valuable guide in coming to "Know the Christ." It is also an excellent help in "Making Christ Known" to others. Many dioceses have placed it in the hands of every young person and have sent a copy to each one away at college.

PLAN! 1947-1948, which has as its overall topic for the year "The implications of the Prayer Book for daily living," contains further suggestions for young people as they witness for Christ. For example, on January 11, under the title, *MAKE HIM KNOWN*, two of the items in the action section are: 1. Find out from your minister how many inactive or lapsed communicants there are on your parish list and call on them. 2. Bring one of your friends who doesn't go to any Church with you next Sunday.

The major emphases of the U.M.C.Y. program for the year provide excellent means for evangelistic expression. Youth Sunday which was observed in October saw young people joined together to witness to their faith in an act of public worship. The Feast of Lights during Epiphany is symbolic of the spread of Christ's Kingdom. At the Nationwide Corporate Communion in April, young people dedicate themselves before God's altar. At some time during this year each youth group will include in its program a specific study of the Oslo World Youth Conference and its meaning for all young Christian witnesses.

Those who follow the U.M.C.Y. Rule of Life witness regularly for Christ and his Church, especially by putting into positive action the fourth part of the rule; the giving of a definite portion of time and money to the work of the whole Church.

The Wisdom of Christmas

History called them wise, those three kings from the Orient who brought gifts to the cradle of the Christ. Wise they were, yet judged by the logic by which we live today they were the veriest of fools.

Who, today, would commend such a foolhardy pilgrimage? They left their books of learning to follow a star. They left their wealth to be guarded by others as they sought a child. As they stopped at the hostleries along the sandy roads men must have laughed at their plans and purposes. Their entire quest was an ethereal one, founded in sentiment and executed through faith.

The Christmas spirit which sent these wise men on their way likewise transforms our spirits as we near the birthday of the Christ. Christmas loosened the purse strings of old Scrooge when practice dictated that they should be tied. It lightens our hearts. Even the doors of memory are opened and we find ourselves singing Christmas carols which we learned years before. Charity is easy at Christmas. Brotherhood is a little more real when the star shines.

History is right in judging these wise men. It will judge us in the same way. When we yield to those impelling motives which produce in us a spirit of worship we are a little nearer divine wisdom than before. When Christmas comes we do well to forget the logic of selfishness and yield to the music of angels.

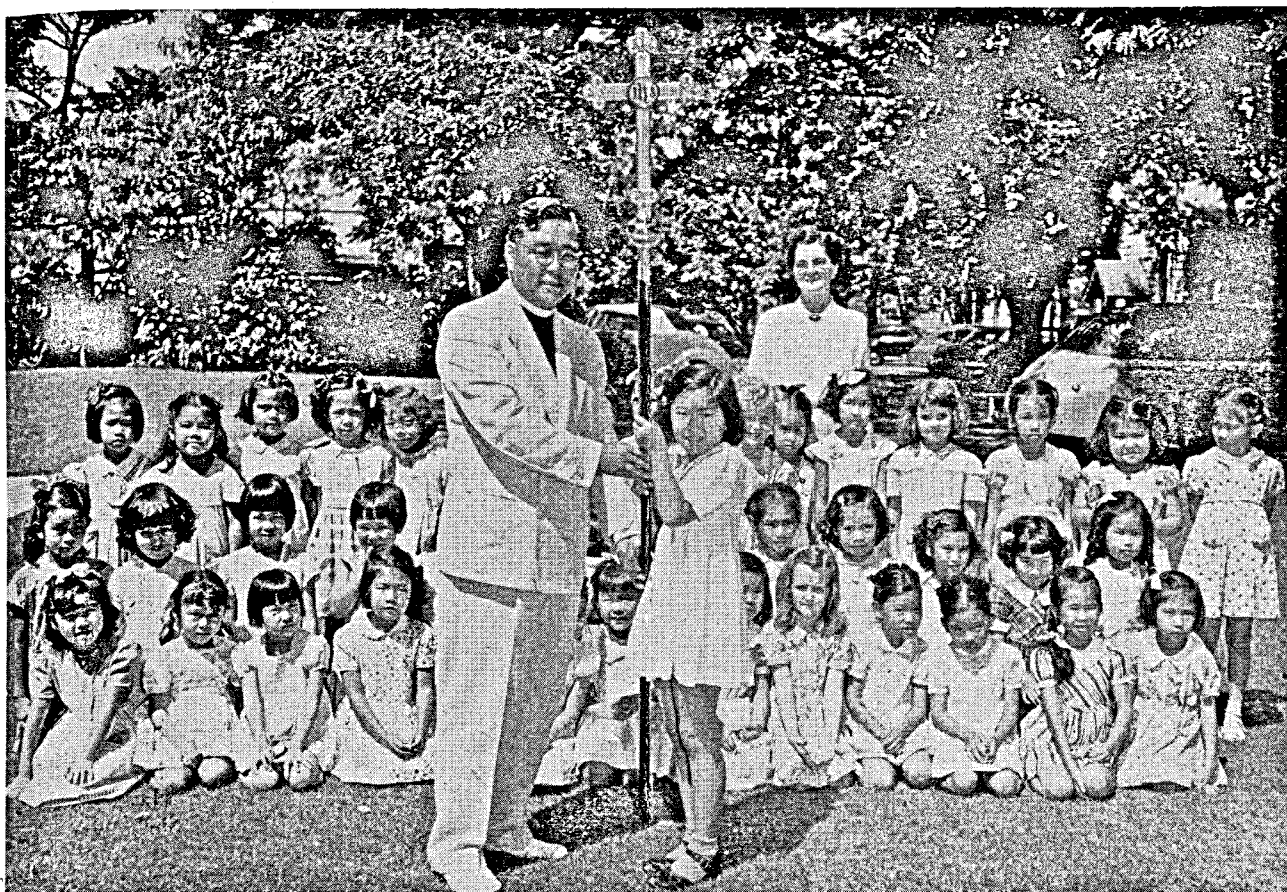
If we are wise to seek the Christ spirit at Christmas how foolish to discard it as the old year passes. The greater wisdom would commend us to carry the Christmas unselfishness and joy throughout the year to come. This may be the way in which Christ will become most real to the world.

\$8,000 Needed

Good Samaritan Church is out to reach a goal of \$8,000 to help meet a \$6,000 deficit on the new church they have built and to add \$1,000 for repairs on old buildings and another \$1,000 for ground improvements. This fine church congregation in the Palolo valley serves a great need for the spiritual well-being of those in this particular community. We commend the Rev. James Nakamura and his committee for the work they are doing to lessen their debt on the church. Any gifts will be most acceptable.

Kauai Group Meets

Young people from the Island of Kauai, who are here for schooling, or in business, had a get-together on Friday, November 21, at the Diocesan House. Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy were guests and Deaconess Swinburne helped the young people with arrangements for the occasion. Between 35 and 40 young people were present, and they had a most delightful evening. They plan soon to have a week-end at the Youth Center at Mokuleia.



NEW PROCESSIONAL CROSS

The Reverend Lawrence Ozaki, vicar of Holy Trinity Mission, Honolulu, displays the new processional cross given to the Church by the St. Andrew's Cathedral Day School, of which Mrs. Ronald Reid is principal. Mrs. Reid is doing a magnificent piece of work in training her children in the blessedness of giving, as they hold a daily prayer service and a Chapel service one day each week, at which time one of our clergy conducts the service. The offering taken at this time is given to the clergyman for his work in his mission. It was with such offerings Holy Trinity Church was able to get this lovely processional cross. These children also contributed this past month \$130 to the Bishop's Episcopate Endowment Fund, as a gift from the School.

To Return December 12

The Rt. Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, Bishop of Albany, who has been representing the Presiding Bishop at the Centenary Congress of the Anglican Church, and Mrs. Oldham, will return to Honolulu December 12. While here they will be at the Halekulani hotel. Bishop Oldham will address the men of the Diocese at a united meeting at Davies Hall, Tuesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. It will be under the auspices of the Men's Group at St. Andrew's Cathedral, of which Mr. Jack Savage is president. Bishop Oldham will preach at the Cathedral and some of our churches while here, and will address some of our organizations.

At Muscatine, Iowa

The Rev. J. Thurlow Baker, former vicar of St. John's Church, Eleele, and St. Paul's Church, Kekaha, Kauai, writes us that he has accepted a call to Trinity Episcopal Church, Muscatine, Iowa. We are happy to report that Mrs. Baker is much improved in health. We pray God's richest blessings upon the Rev. Mr. Baker and his family in their new ministry.

Heads Oahu Clericus

The Reverend Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish, has been elected president of the Oahu Clericus at a recent meeting. He succeeds the Rev. Lawrence Ozaki, vicar of Holy Trinity Church.

Correction

Christ Church, Kealakekua, Hawaii, was credited with giving \$51.81 to the Youth Offering in our last issue of the Chronicle, and it was Christ Memorial Church, Kilauea, Kauai, who gave this amount.

Retiring Fund for Deaconesses

The Deaconesses of our Church are desirous of interesting a large group of people in their retiring fund. Larger Capital is needed to increase the income. All contributions and bequests are acceptable because the number of deaconesses dependent upon the Fund is growing. Deaconess Dorothea F. Betz is chairman of the promotion committee.



Their Efforts Paid Dividend

The young people of St. Peter's Church, Honolulu, are shown busily sending out envelopes and materials for the United Youth Offering which was taken October 19, for our Youth Center at Mokuleia. They raised \$498.72—the most raised by any individual church in the islands. From left to right they are: Juliette Ling, Lincoln Chang, Philip Mark, Gladys Chung, David Yap, Helen Chung, Tin Yau Chung, Benjamin Chung and Dennis Chung.

Many have wondered what the results of the Youth Offering have been throughout the country. New York informs us that it will be several months before we can know just how much will come in for this project.

Building Commences

If the rapid strides in the building of Holy Trinity Church continue as they have up to the present, members of this congregation will be worshipping in their new church soon after the tolling of the New Year. It is a wonderful feeling to see it take form.

Members of the congregation have been busy selling tickets for a Japanese show, *Shojo Kabuki*, which they gave under their auspices at McKinley High School, Nov. 22 to Nov. 28. It was a tremendous undertaking, but one we hope paid large dividends.

St. Christopher's Church, Kailua, Oahu, has commenced work on their rectory. This has been a long looked for occasion, and we rejoice that work is going ahead. Under the leadership of the Rev. Richard M. Trelease, Jr., the congregation is growing so rapidly that the necessity of a new church building is very evident. We hope that work on this can go ahead in the not too distant future. Mr. Harold Castle is giving the property on which the rectory and church will be erected.

Elected Bishop of Los Angeles

The Reverend Robert A. Magill, DD., rector of St. John's Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, a former missionary in China and prominent member of National Council, has been elected Bishop of Los Angeles to succeed the vacancy left by the late Bertrand Stevens. He came through Honolulu with the Far Eastern Commission, which had been sent out by our National Church to investigate the need of the Reconstruction and Advance work to be done in the Philippines and Orient.

Mrs. H. P. Hind Dies On Big Isle

Mrs. Hannah Pearce Low Hind, 77, one of Hawaii's best known kamaainas and widow of the late Senator Robert Hind, kamaaina rancher, died at her home at the Puuwaawaa Ranch on the island of Hawaii at 4:50 o'clock Monday afternoon, Nov. 24. She had been ill about two years.

A great-granddaughter of John Parker, founder of the huge Parker Ranch on the Big Island, Mrs. Hind, whose friends in Hawaii were legion, and who was affectionately known as "Aunt Hannah," was born at Hanalei, Kauai, the daughter of John S. Low and Martha Kekapa Low. She was born January 27, 1870.

Most of her girlhood was spent on the Parker homestead on the Big Island, and she was married to Senator Hind in Honolulu on April 26, 1892. Throughout her married life, Mrs. Hind took an active interest in church and religious affairs, also in activities of a charitable nature.

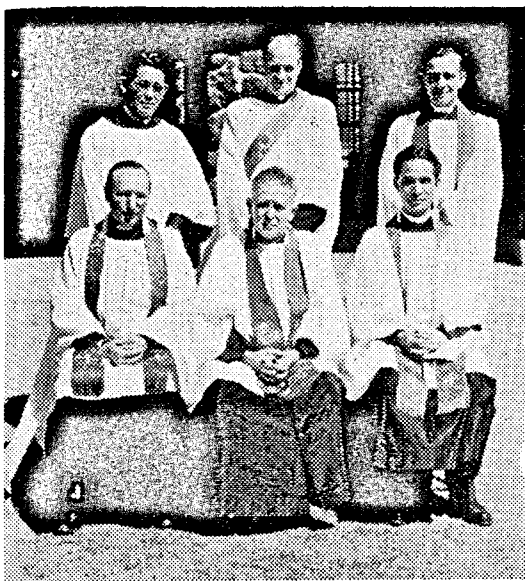
Her Husband, Senator Hind, died in Honolulu on Dec. 29, 1938, at the age of 73. He was one of the most colorful figures in Hawaiian political life, and rose from the position of livestock overseer on the Hawi Plantation on Hawaii, to one of the Territory's outstanding ranchers and legislators.

Mrs. Hind is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William Paris, Mrs. Mona Hind Holmes and Mrs. Erma Lillie and by two sons, R. Leighton Hind and Robson K. Hind.

Also surviving is a brother, Eben P. Low, and a sister, Clara Low, the latter being on the Mainland.

Funeral services were held at Christ Church, Kealahou, with the Rev. Burton L. Linscott in charge, on Tuesday afternoon, November 25.

We pray that having opened to her gates of a larger life, Almighty God will receive her more and more into his joyful service, and that she may win with Him and His servants everywhere, the eternal victory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



STAFF OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF KAUAI

Under the able leadership of the Venerable Henry A. Willey, Archdeacon of Kauai and Vicar of All Saints Church, Kapaa, (center, seated) the Church's work on Kauai has shown great gains. Other clergy assisting him in this important field are: Back row—Mr. Robert Kondo, Kapaa, Lay Assistant; the Rev. Hugh L. Thompson, Eleele; the Rev. Harold Willmot Smith, Kilauea. Seated—the Rev. George Prendergast, Kekaha (Acting Vicar); and the Rev. Andrew N. Otani, Eleele.

Before The Day

Nations prepare for a day of conflict. We can recall preparations for "Der Tag," the day for conquest. Now comes Advent, the time to prepare for a different kind of day. For Advent is not just a Church season but the road toward the universal human hope—Christmas, the birthday of Life. To be sure, the Mind of God speaks in all His Creation, in a government which sends the stars in their rounds and cups the mighty seas, in the energy of the atom, and in the mystery of the body's myriad departments—eye and ear, and bone and brain. Through these the Mind of God is articulate in *forceful doing* and from what is produced we can infer a designing Power. If we wish to visualize that force and see its energy in personal terms, however, we look at Jesus. In Him God's Mind says, "I Am" and speaks in personal being. From what is presented in Jesus we can believe in the personal quality of God's nature, in a benevolent Energy which makes us humans fashion a word for it—Live. So we give to Jesus the name of Christ and call him the Word—the Mind of God personally expressed. As we can trust God's universe and breathe God's air and take in life's beauty, we can share God's love. In Advent then, by good will, let us begin to live in the spirit of the Truth—that Jesus is The Day.

Taken By Death

Mrs. Gwendolyn Shaw, former superintendent of Shingle Memorial Hospital, died of a heart attack on Sunday, December 7th. Her passing is a great loss to the entire Island of Molokai, to our Church in the Islands, and especially to the hospital she served with such devotion for the years before her retirement, due to ill health.

Mrs. Shaw was greatly beloved by all who knew her, and was a fine Christian leader for our Church on the Island. She has been mother to foundlings, comforter to the suffering, counselor to those in trouble, friend to all.

The present beauty of the Shingle Memorial Hospital grounds is due to her planning and care, and will remain a memorial to her love for the hospital.

The entire Diocese grieves at her passing and pays tribute to her memory.

The Bishop and members of the Shingle Board flew to Molokai for the funeral service on Monday, December 8, the Bishop conducting the service.

New Work Started in Pearl Harbor Area

New work is being started at the Civilian Housing Area 3, at Pearl Harbor. A group of women, under the leadership of Mrs. W. P. Brown, have been meeting for some time under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish. Through the courtesy of Chaplain Mansfield of the Navy, we are going to be able to conduct monthly services in this area for our communicants.

The first service will be held in the Civilian Housing Area 3 Chapel on Sunday, December 14th, at 11:00 a.m., with the Rev. John P. Moulton, Chaplain of Iolani School, conducting the service.

Mrs. Brown has been most helpful in making plans for the service and has contacted many of our communicants in this area. We are most grateful for the opportunity to start some work here, for there has been a great need for it.



Haste, O people; all are bidden—
Haste from places high and hidden;
In Mary's Child the kingdom comes
the heaven in beauty bends!
He has made all life completer,
He has made the Plain Way sweeter,
For the stall is His first shelter
and the cattle His first friend.



NATIONAL CHURCH HEADQUARTERS

"281" is the name given our Church Missions House at New York City, for it is at 281 Fourth Avenue that our Church's pivot, around which work of our great organization revolves, is located.

IOLANI NOTES

Iolani Football Team

We are proud indeed of the fine record made by our Iolani Football Team this year. When Father Bray, rector of St. Andrew's Hawaiian congregation and coach of the team, first took them on the field for practice, he felt they would be unable to make much of a showing this year, as so many previous players had been lost to the team through graduation. Their first game was a rather sad experience for the team and Iolani rooters, but as time went on, and Father Bray had an opportunity to work with his boys, they began to show marked improvement, and finally won their deserved distinction to play in the Thanksgiving double-header game, playing against St. Louis school. McKinley High School and Punahou played together on this occasion, McKinley having gone through the season undefeated up to Thanksgiving Day. Results of the Thanksgiving games are unknown as this goes to press. The Iolani team made the highest single score against an opponent when they played Roosevelt High School, defeating them by a score of 45-0. Punahou had defeated one of its teams by a score of 40, which up to that time had been the highest score.

The teams' keen sense of sportsmanship is demonstrated by the fact that they have won the unprecedented distinction of losing less yardage by penalties than any other

team this year, and had up to the Thanksgiving game lost only 90 yards as compared to an impressive margin by other teams. Further, when the team was given a holiday from school as a reward for their record, they requested the Headmaster to allow the entire school to share in this privilege.

Following the Thanksgiving game, the faculty entertained the team at a Thanksgiving dinner at Willis Hall.

Father Bray, commenting on the team's record, said that too much credit could not be given to the managers under Herbert Lee. "They are the best managers Iolani has ever had—far and away the best. There have been six of them and every one has done a fine job in every way. It may seem funny to say this in relation to a football locker room, but they have been perfect gentlemen looking after the interests of the team in a quiet, efficient and helpful manner. It's been a privilege and a pleasure to work with them." The team shares his commendation of the managers, but they also feel a real devotion and admiration for their coach.

Parent-Teacher Groups Formed

The Junior High School and High School parents of Iolani School requested the forming of an organization whereby they might consult with teachers about their mutual interest in the schooling of their children. Mrs. Harry Kennedy was the speaker at the time this group formed, and gave a most delightful talk on why such an organization was needed. The Headmaster, Mr. Ralph Monell, also spoke to the group. A social hour followed the meeting.

Mrs. Charles Street, principal for the Kindergarten and Grade School at the Ala Wai property, was in charge of arrangements for the meeting they held on November 21 for the forming of a Parent-Teacher group. Mr. Ralph Monell was the main speaker on this occasion. The social hour following was most enjoyable.

Head of Alumni Organization

Mr. Bing Lau, Business Manager of Iolani School, and an alumnus of the school, was elected president of the Alumni Organization at a recent meeting held at the school. His great interest in the school, as well as a parent, will strengthen the leadership he will give this group.

Boarders Entertained

Before going home for their Thanksgiving vacation, the boarders of Iolani School were entertained at a most delicious Thanksgiving dinner on Monday, November 24, at Willis Hall. The Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy, and Dr. and Mrs. Corydon Wassell were guests for the occasion. The Headmaster, Mr. Ralph Monell, Mrs. Monell and family, and all faculty members on the campus shared in this occasion. Chaplain John P. Moulton, Mrs. Moulton and family were also present for the dinner.

Has Tendered Resignation

Miss Marguerite Henry has resigned as head of St. Mary's Children's Home. The work as head of the Home has been taken over by Mrs. Allen Fox.

Improved in Health

We have been distressed that two of our clergy have been ill recently and unable to take some of their services. The Rev. Y. Sang Mark, rector of St. Peter's Church, was ill for three weeks, suffering from an infection of the knee. He missed only one Sunday in taking his services, but was bed-ridden for three weeks.

The Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish, was unable to take his services for four Sundays, having suffered from the after effects of flu and "strep" throat. He went much too long before giving up.

The Rev. John P. Moulton, the Rev. William Ault, the Rev. Fletcher Howe and The Rev. Richard M. Trelease, Jr., and the Bishop assisted with services in the illness of these men. On the Sunday preceding the Every Member Canvass at the Cathedral, the laymen "pinch-hit" for Canon Stokes, Mr. Jack Savage delivering the main address at the eleven o'clock service, assisted by Messrs: Murray Johnson, Ralph Monell, Samuel Mercer and Kenneth Day. It was an inspiring experience to see these men come to the fore for this occasion. The Rev. Kenneth Ault gave the final prayers and benediction.

We are very happy indeed to report that both Canon Mark and Canon Stokes are much improved in health and ready to assume the strenuous preparation for the Advent and Christmas Season.

Extracts From Bishop's Letter

Extracts from Bishop Philip Strong's letter to Mr. William Fraser, and sent from his See, Dogura, Papua, New Guinea:

It is very kind of you all to go on remembering me and my work, and particularly I appreciate the remembrance of so many of you in prayer.

I am glad to hear of the success of St. Clement's in completing their new Sunday School buildings.

We have just finished our first Diocesan Conference that has been possible since the Japanese war. Our last one was held in 1941. Only about half of those who were present then are still with us now, and, of course, eight of those who were present in 1941 are now numbered in the noble of martyrs, but we are filling up our staff now and have quite a number of new members. The Conference was the most memorable and useful one on record. We were able to face fairly and squarely many of the problems which confront us in these days, and we felt very definitely the nearness of God's Presence in our fellowship and deliberations together, and the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit in decisions which we came to for the future direction of our work.

It has been a busy time for me and I am now feeling the reaction of it but I have another busy time ahead of me at the beginning of August when we have our Native Anniversary Gathering when we have all our native clergy and teachers and delegates from the different mission districts. The other Conference was the White Staff Conference. Our Anniversary Day is August 10th, St. Laurence's Day. This year it will be the 56th anniversary of the landing of our pioneer missionaries. We are to have, all being well on that day, the Ordination this year of three Papuan Priests.

After all that is over I expect to have two or three very busy months of traveling in the Diocese visiting all our different districts for confirmations and other purposes, preparatory for my leaving for England early next year for the Lambeth Conference.

Please give my very kind regards to Mrs. Fraser and all my other friends.

A Christmas Thought

Could every time worn heart
but see Thee once again,
A happy human child
among the homes of men,
The age of doubt would pass—
The vision of Thy face
Would silently restore
The childhood of the race.

—Henry Van Dyke

The Editors Extend Christmas Greetings

Christmastide is specially the season for children—their festival time; but let us all, the oldest as well as the youngest among us, resolve, with God's help, to obtain our share of its blessings. No blessing will be greater than this, if we can cover some of the pleasing qualities of Childhood—trust, teachableness, cheerfulness, freshness of interest, readiness to form friendships and the receptivity for divine truth which is so remarkable in children. These are just the things of which we men and women are robbed by the world's wear and tear.

Pray that this Christmas may be marked to you by a more childlike spirit. It is a season of life, a season of gentleness, a season of faith. Whichever of these gifts you are wanting in, then pray for earnestly this Christmastide.

To all Church Chronicle readers are extended affectionate Christmas greetings and the hope that his Holy Season may bring great joy to them and their loved ones.

Christmas is a wondrous time
Of peace and kind goodwill;
The glory of its gleaming star
That shone o'er Bethlehem's hill
May all its ancient promise
Be revealed to you today,
And bring a year of blessings
For you upon the way.



News of the Church

The House of Bishop's elected three Missionary Bishops at the Winston-Salem meeting. The vacancy created by the resignation of Bishop John B. Bentley of Alaska was filled by the election of the Rev. William J. Gordan, now in charge of St. Thomas' Mission, Point Hope, Alaska. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the Virginia Seminary, and is 29 years old. He will have to wait until his birthday in May to be consecrated bishop—the second time such a thing has happened in the history of our church.

Elected for service as Coadjutor of the Missionary District of Wyoming, the Rev. J. Wilson Hunter, now rector of St. Mark's Church, San Antonio, Texas. He is 43 years old, graduate of John Hopkins and the Virginia Seminary.

To be bishop-Coadjutor of the District of Southern Brazil, the Rev. Louis C. Melcher, rector of Trinity Church, Columbia, S. C. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the University of the South. He is 49 years old, and was a Canon, and later, Dean, of St. Luke's Cathedral, Ancon, Panama Canal Zone.

Concern was expressed at the lack of an adequate number of students for the ministry, and a committee was provided for, to study the situation. It was emphasized that lay people of the church, clergy and bishops should make this a foremost part of their Christian activity, in a real attempt to secure candidates who are our best and strongest young men. Also that the claims of the ministry shall be presented to students in colleges and universities in some carefully-prepared, systematic and continuous manner.

The House accepted the resignations of Bishops Robert E. Gribbin, Western North Carolina; John T. Dallas, New Hampshire; E. J. Randall, Suffragan of Chicago; Benjamin T. Kemerer, Suffragan of Minnesota; Frank W. Creighton, Michigan; A.A. Gilman, Hankow, China; and John B. Bentley, Alaska.

Presiding Bishop Henry K. Sherrill presented in detail his plan for the initial steps in the Church's campaign of Evangelism, as previously presented to the Bishops by letter, the plan leading to a great corporate communion on the first Sunday of Lent, with spiritual preparation of strong laymen and women for personal evangelistic work among lapsed communicants, and the millions of unchurched of our country.

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The house approved Bishop Binsted's proposal that the Episcopal Church shall arrange for giving valid episcopal orders to the Philippine Independent Church, a body of two million members, which desires not union, but permission to use the Book of Common Prayer, and to have the Orders of its priests and Bishops validated by the Episcopal Church.

At one of the later sessions, the House called upon Church members to sacrifice for the cause of peace as they sacrificed for the war. "Europe needs desperately our assistance. The economics of the the nations devastated by war must be rebuilt if deeper descent into misery and chaos is to be prevented."

The house expressed "the earnest hope that the Congress will act swiftly and affirmatively upon the Marshall Plan, and that we urge our people to make known at once to their elected representatives their determination that this great Nation give generous and adventurous leadership in helping to create a better world for all peoples."

The Human Touch

May every soul that touches mine—

Be it the slightest contact,

Get therefrom some good,

Some little grace, one kindly thought,

One aspiration yet unfelt,

One bit of courage for the darkening sky,

One gleam of faith

To brave the thickening ills of life,

One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the

gathering mist,

To make this life worthwhile,

And Heaven a surer heritage.

—Author Unknown.

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Why Men Do Not Go To Church

By the late Bishop Irving P. Johnson

A great deal has been said about the reason why men do not go to church. Before considering their excuses let us consider the purpose of public worship. It is first of all to give thanks not merely for our own blessings but also a corporate act in putting God and His righteousness first in our national life. No man has any right to live merely for himself, but as we are all members one of another we have a responsibility for the example that we set in our community. If all men should cease to take part in public worship, society would become spiritually impoverished. As it is the majority of men absent themselves from worship and thereby place upon the few the task of keeping the light burning.

We are all familiar with their excuses. The meanest of them all is the statement that my parents made me go to church so much as a child that I am fed up on worship. Your parents made you go to school. Are you tired of the knowledge that you thus acquired? They made you honest and truthful. Do you get weary of that? And isn't it rather mean to blame your godly parents for your own shortcomings? Suppose that they had let you run loose, would you have attained the position that you now occupy? I will guarantee that eighty per cent of successful business men owe their prosperity to the fact that they had godly parents.

The next excuse is that so many Christians are hypocrites that you do not wish to be numbered among them. So you differ from the Pharisee in the parable only in the fact that he thanked God in the synagogue that he was not as other men were. You stand on the sidewalk and say the same thing. Of course you are not a hypocrite because if you never try to climb the mountain you can never fall off. You are perfectly safe on the prairie.

A great many others lay the blame for their absence to the parson—either to his preaching or to his ritual or to his personality. You don't get anything out of it is the complaint. In saying this you demonstrate your failure to understand the Gospel in which the vital question is not what one gets but what one gives. The duty of a layman is just as imperative as is that of a clergyman and the fact that the minister forfeits your approval does not release you from your obligation to bear witness as a Christian.

Another man says that he visits nature's beautiful cathedral and worships God there. The truth of the matter is that he does not think of God during his picnic. If he mentions God at all it is when his auto goes wrong and that is hardly worship. Besides if he should worship the God of nature it is a purely self-centered act and does not add anything to the spiritual welfare of the community.

Again, another man says that he needs the rest of Sunday and wants to relax. He is unmindful of the fact that it is the Lord's day and he owes his day of rest to the Gospel. Really going to church for an hour on Sunday would inject a change of atmosphere which is the very essence of rest. It certainly would not be a matter of exhaustion.

The true answer to the question "Why do not men go to Church?" is that they do not want to go. They are eager to take all the blessings which the good Lord gives

them but do not feel the obligation to do something in return. To receive gifts from any one without expressing one's thankfulness is to be guilty of ingratitude. To neglect participation in corporate worship is to encourage atheism and in the end will contribute to the loss of all liberty whenever a dictator arises to fill the vacuum in our souls.

The vital question for each of us is not what do I get out of attending divine worship, but quite the contrary, what do I contribute to the spiritual assets of the nation. If we put first things first we will seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness rather than consult our own comforts at the expense of those who bear witness to their faith in God. Otherwise the youth of the nation will follow this line of least resistance without the background which their fathers had.

May your eyes be bright with the glory of the star;

May your voice ring with the joy of Heavenly host;
May your hands be ever eager to open up treasures of giving and doing;

And may your heart be still with the surpassing wonder of it all!

Some Church Customs at the Burial of the Dead

1. Consult the Rector before making any arrangements. It is he who conducts the service.
2. The place for Christian services is the Christian Church. (As a matter of fact, no house is practical for the carrying out of the service.)
3. Flowers may or may not be displayed within the Church. This depends upon local tradition. However, the old use of a pall (which covers rich and poor alike) is to be commended as a more truly Christian custom.
4. If possible, Sunday burials ought to be avoided.
5. It's a Christian custom to accompany the Burial Office with a Celebration of the Holy Communion. See page 268 of the Prayer Book.
6. Mourning is pagan. A sorrowful Christian is a contradiction in terms.
7. It is fitting to keep fresh the memory of our departed by memorial gifts, flowers, and anniversary celebrations of the Holy Communion.

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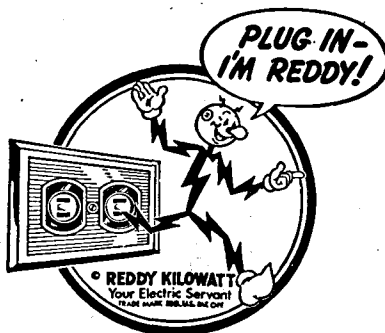
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