

## TREASURER'S CORNER

The Treasurer's Report presented to Convocation, with the addition of the remittances for 1935 account received since, shows a marked improvement in the income of the District in 1935 as compared with 1934.

And the improvement lies principally in the Church Program receipts. For, whereas in 1934 we sent to the National Treasurer for the work of the General Church \$1,610.50, in 1935 we sent \$2,653.18. But this was \$346.82 short of our pledge of \$3,000, so we must not be unduly elated; and, of course, the Bishop's Special Appeal netted \$557.10, accounting for more than half of the increase.

Another highlight of the Treasurer's Report for 1935 is the reduction in the amount owing to the Missionary Clergy for stipends. At the end of 1935 the Missionary Clergy stipends were \$1,701.88 in arrears, one year previous they were \$2,863.52 in arrears. Only five Missions failed to meet their Clergy Stipend Pledges in 1935; nine Missions failed in 1934.

It is good to feel that we are pulling out of the depression and that, exclusive of clergy stipends, we have paid our current expense bills; and Convocation's happy birthday parties would warrant the conviction that the District has the will to continue to rise and soar until it reaches the stratosphere of its desires, the goal set for us in the Bishop's Address to Convocation, viz: The entire support of our Missionary Clergy by 1941, each Deanery becoming responsible for the expenditure in its own area; and the complete elimination of our indebtedness parochial and diocesan by 1941.

Here is a quotation from one of Leslie D. Weatherhead's books I was reading recently: "God can wield tremendous forces through the prayers of others, through the words of others, through the lives and deeds of others, through the beauty of nature, or the glory of music, or the face of a little child, but He must always stop short of Divine interference. And it is only because He does this that every advance is our advance, every decision is our decision, every choice of the higher as every choice of the lower, is our choice. Only in this way can we develop and grow, only in this way can we become children of God. If God were less than He is, we should be machines. With fine insight George Eliot makes Stradivarius say:

If my hand slacks  
I should rob God, since He is fullest  
good,  
Leaving a blank behind instead of  
violins.  
He could not make Antonio Stradivari's  
violins  
Without Antonio.

WILLIAM PAYNE,  
District Treasurer.

## CONVOCATION NOTES

The Rev. Lee A. Wood, Mr. W. G. Cochrane, and Mr. T. C. Hawley of Lodi were the only representatives of the original convocation of 1911 present at the Twenty-fifth Anniversary observance.

Among other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. William A. Monten of Los Angeles, the former being junior warden of St. James' Church, Los Angeles and a lay member of the Provincial Council; Miss Rebekah L. Hibbard, Pasadena, past president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the diocese of Los Angeles.

The Convocation committee wishes to thank the members of the Bishop Kip Chapter and of the Service League

## CELEBRATING SILVER ANNIVERSARY

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B. Wrenn, president of the diocesan church service league making presentation on behalf of the women of the District.

The anniversary dinner at the Hotel Californian on the evening of January 23rd was a very nice affair. Music was furnished by C. Aaron King, soloist, accompanied by A. K. Luckin; piano selections by Mrs. George G. Hoisholt and harp numbers by Winfield. The Rev. William E. Patrick acted as toastmaster and read numerous letters and telegrams of greeting from the presiding bishop; Bishop Lawrence, who was Dean of the Cambridge School when the bishop was a student; Dr. E. S. Drown, one of his teachers, who died January 24th; Bishop Tourst; Miss Ramey, former secretary of the bishop and hosts of others.

Bishop Huston of Olympia said grace. Greetings were extended by Bishop Stevens for the National Council; Bishop Gooden for the Province; Mrs. Wrenn for the Provincial Auxiliary; Dean Harry Beal of Los Angeles for the Cambridge alumni; the Rev. A. L. Walters for the clergy of the District; Fred A. Eckstrom for the laity; Mrs. W. G. Uridge, for the Service League; Wm. Glass, City Finance Commissioner of Fresno, for the community; Rev. B. F. Waas, pastor of the Brethren Church, for the Fresno Ministerial Association. Bishop Sanford closed the evening with a short address of appreciation and then pronounced the benediction.

Through the courtesy of Mr. H. Wingate Lake, a member of the Cathedral parish, and manager of the Hotel Californian, Bishop and Mrs. Sanford were presented with a fine birthday cake, the Bishop cutting the first piece. Unfortunately it was not large enough to go around the 180 guests present, but the head table, executive council, cathedral Chapter, and bishop's family group all enjoyed a piece of the cake. A handsomely embossed menu card adorned with the seal of the District was at every one's seat, a token of esteem to the District from Williams and Son.

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27. In St. John's Church, Stockton, read the Gospel and administered the paten at the Anniversary commemorating the 85th anniversary of the parish, made a speech at an Old Timers' luncheon, attending with Mrs. Sanford a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleghorn and at an anniversary service in the evening, made one of the addresses, the others being by Dr. Difenback and Archdeacon Hodgkin. At this service \$1000 worth of debts were burned and then the congregation adjourned to the parish hall where a mammoth birthday cake, being a model of St. John's Church, was cut and distributed.

29. I. Sunday after Christmas. St. James Cathedral, celebrated the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. addressed the Church School at 9:30, read Morning Prayer and preached at 11:00, attended the rendering of Bach's Christmas Oratorio at 3:30 and read Evening Prayer at 5:30.

31. Tuesday. Officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Jane Brown.

of St. James Cathedral for their hospitality in serving tea at the Cathedral House Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and Mrs. Montgomery Thomas for arranging for the entertainment of guests.

## SERMON DELIVERED BY BISHOP PARSONS AT CELEBRATION OF BISHOP SANFORD'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

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Your Bishop has striven gladly, yes and mightily to realize this ideal.

During all these years the District of San Joaquin has gone steadily and faithfully forward to fulfill its mission given it by the Church.

Through all these years the people of the District of San Joaquin have been constantly brought by their Bishop into close touch with the larger work and interests of the Church. He himself has never allowed immersion in the pressing duties of the day to contract his vision, to lower his interest in the larger things. That has been fully recognized in the Province. For long years he was its chosen representative on the National Council.

The Province not only sent him to New York but when Bishop Page of Spokane, the President of the Province, left us to become Bishop of Michigan, the Bishop of San Joaquin moved naturally into his place. For years now he has guided with admirable skill the provincial activities, has presided with admirable skill, which means admirable tact, at Synod sessions and has lightened Synod and indeed many other occasions with the happy play of his wit. His wit never cuts. His humor is never unkind. Wherever he goes he brings a spirit of harmony and peace. Sometimes one wishes he were at times a bit more violent, a bit more eager for a fight. But after all, to love peace and ensue it is the Christian way. His soul which loves music (for you know he does love it and writes it) must love harmony among those with whom he deals. The question of the consecration service (the scrutiny as it is called) "Will you maintain and set forward as much as shall lie in you quietness, love and peace among all men" is one to which he could answer yes *ex animo*.

## NOTES

New officers of the Turlock circle of the Stanislaus County Regional Parish Church Service League are Mrs. C. J. Shields, president; Mrs. W. Coburn Cook, vice-president; and Mrs. R. V. Meikle, secretary-treasurer.

During the past year the group at Turlock has contributed to the parish expenses and co-operated with the Church Service League of St. Paul's Church, Modesto. Much of the success of the organization is due to the retiring president, Mrs. Foster Ivy. The regular meeting day is the first Wednesday of each month.

Under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Coburn the Church Service League of St. Paul's Church, Modesto, has begun an outline course of study of South America. Members of St. Paul's and of the other groups in Stanislaus County were the guests at a South America afternoon and tea on Thursday 16, at the country home of Mrs. Faye Davis, near Ceres. Mrs. Davis and other members of her family exhibited interesting specimens and pictures obtained while living in Brazil, where Dr. Davis, before his death, was engaged in scientific research under the Rockefeller Foundation.

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Dec. 1, 1935, I. Sunday in Advent. In St. John's Church, Stockton, preached at the Eucharist closing the Convention of the Young People of the diocese.

2. Monday. Attended reception and dinner at the Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the diocese, the 15th anniversary of Bishop Stevens' consecration and the 5th of Bishop Gooden's. The speakers at the dinner were Bishops Perry, Parsons, Mitchell, Gooden and myself.

3. Read the Gospel and administered the paten at the Anniversary Eucharist in St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles.

4. Addressed the Leisure Hour Club of Fresno.

7. Attended dinner of members of Society Mayflower Descendants at Chapman Hotel, Los Angeles.

11. In Cathedral House, Fresno, attended luncheon given by the Church Service League to the Ministerial Union in honor of Dean Farlander. Made one of the speeches.

At 2:30 addressed the Reedley Branch of the Church Service League. At 5:00 p. m. attended the wedding and dinner in the Church of the Good Shepherd and parish house, Reedley, of Mr. Cameron Cairns and Miss Edna Green.

12. Assisted in the service and made an address at the meeting of the Southern Deanery in St. James' Church, Lindsay.

Gave my canonical consent to the consecration of the Very Rev. Benjamin Dagwell, D. D., as Bishop of Oregon and of the Rev. Theodore Ludlow, D. D., as Suffragan Bishop of Newark.

12. III. Sunday in Advent. In St. Andrew's, Taft, made an address at Morning Prayer, met with the vestry and made an address in the evening at a carol service led by the boy choir.

17. In Fresno at 8:00 p. m. Presided at a meeting of the Cathedral Chapter which accepted the resignation of the Rev. A. W. Farlander, Dean, as of Jan. 15th, 1936.

19. Thursday. In St. James' Cathedral, Fresno, confirmed five, addressed then and assisted by the Dean celebrated the Holy Communion.

20. A. M. In Selma, took part in the funeral of Mrs. J. E. Whitson, an aged communicant of St. Luke's Church. Mrs. Whitson recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

P. M. Made a Christmas address at the Easton Grammar School.

22. IV. Sunday in Advent. Took part in the service in St. James Cathedral, Fresno.

25. Christmas Day. In St. James Cathedral, celebrated the Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and again at 10 a. m.

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## SERMON DELIVERED BY BISHOP PARSONS AT CELEBRATION OF BISHOP SANFORD'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Acts: 20:24, "But I hold not my life of any account, as dear unto myself so that I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus to testify the Gospel of the Grace of God." The words of St. Paul as he talked with the elders of Miletus, telling them of his own ideal and exhorting them in their work as overseers of the flock of Christ.

Twenty-five years ago last October I suffered a great disappointment. My dear friend Louis Sanford had been elected by the House of Bishops to be Bishop of the new Missionary District of San Joaquin. The hearts of the delegation from the Diocese of California rejoiced, and my heart rejoiced because when the nomination from the House of Bishops was presented to the Deputies I was to have the honor of moving confirmation and saying for California what we thought of the Bishops' choice. The hour for the executive session was set immediately after the noon recess. Returning from the recess, I was detained unexpectedly and rushed into the House a few minutes late. Alas, with far more than ordinary speed, the nomination had been presented and of course unanimously approved; but I had lost my chance to say something of a man I loved and admired.

After twenty-five years the chance comes again. This time I have not lost it and this time, with love and admiration greatly increased, I may speak from the perspective of one who has watched a quarter century of his work as bishop, and with that the history of the Missionary District of San Joaquin for indeed the lives of Bishop and District are so interwoven that one cannot think of one without the other.

In the solemn moment when Diocese or House of Bishop is to choose a new bishop the guidance of the Holy Spirit is invoked and while there are often many conflicting interests and sometimes the choice has not seemed to reveal the consistent and conscientious following of the divine guidance, yet always in every true heart there must be a sense of the presence of God and the longing that whatever be the decision, God's purposes may be fulfilled. The Spirit of God broods upon the face of the waters. The call when given is given with the faith that the choice is God's Choice. So far as men may seek and find God's will, the Church has sought and prays that it may have found it.

However greatly in his modesty the young secretary of the Eighth Missionary Department may have questioned his fitness, there could I think have been no doubt in his mind that God was opening to him an opportunity for high service which he could not refuse. It was a manifest duty to accept.

But it was more than a duty. It was I think a happy choice for him as for

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## CELEBRATING SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Silver Anniversary of the San Joaquin District and of Bishop Sanford's consecration was well attended, not only by the clergy and laity of San Joaquin, but also by many visitors from other parts of the Eighth Province.

Some two hundred persons crowded 733 Peralta Way, the evening of January 22nd when Bishop and Mrs. Sanford received, assisted by Bishop and Mrs. Remington of Eastern Oregon; Bishop Parsons of California, and by members of the diocesan executive council and their wives including the Rev. Messrs. and Mesdames W. A. Cash, Seth C. Hawley, Wm. Payne, Wm. E. Patrick, A. L. Walters; Mr. W. G. Cochran; Messrs. and Mesdames Dr. S. W. R. Langdon, C. E. Wakefield, Jr., and J. Benson Wrenn. Mrs. Chester Root, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Sanford and Mr. Edward Sanford also assisted in making the guests welcome.

Bishop Sanford celebrated the Holy Communion at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning, the 23rd, at St. James Cathedral, assisted by Bishops W. B. Stevens of Los Angeles and W. P. Remington of Eastern Oregon and by the clerical members of the executive council.

Hymns sung at the Bishop's consecration at St. John the Evangelist twenty-five years ago were repeated, the cathedral organist, Arthur K. Luckin playing the organ. Representative of other choirs in the district augmented the Cathedral choir for the anniversary service. Richard Wallis and John Van Valkenburgh of St. James Cathedral acted as crucifers for the procession which included the following besides the above named bishops and clergy: Bishop E. L. Parsons of California; Bishop S. Arthur Huston of Olympia; Bishop R. B. Gooden, suffragan of Los Angeles; Archdeacon W. R. Hodgkin of California; Archdeacon Wm. F. Bulkley, Utah; Very Rev. Harry Beal, D. D., Los Angeles; Rev. Ray O. Miller, Los Angeles; Dean Henry H. Shires, Church Divinity School; Rev. Alfred Lockwood, secretary of the Eighth Province, Portland, Oregon; the Rev. Messrs. W. A. Cash, G. G. Hoisholt, A. O. Bray, S. C. Hawley, C. C. Hill, T. C. Maxwell, W. E. Patrick, Wm. Payne, D. G. Porteous, Leo Cook, E. A. Shapland, H. R. H. A. O'Malley, A. L. Walters, Albert Carswell and Lee A. Wood.

Bishop Parsons in his sermon paid a fine tribute to the Bishop of San Joaquin, stating that in his breadth of vision, interest in church unity, Bishop Sanford has been a real Father-in-God.

At the anniversary service Bishop Sanford wore for the first time a new Doctor of Divinity Hood presented by the committee on behalf of the district to replace the hood he has worn since he first received his D. D. degree from Brown University. At the Anniversary Dinner a modest Savings Account Bank Book was presented the Bishop, representing a special offering in the several parishes of the diocese. Mrs. Sanford was pleasantly surprised by the gift of a handsome silver covered dish, Mrs. J.

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## CALENDAR

- Feb. 23.—Quinquagesima (violet).  
Feb. 24.—St. Matthias (red).  
Feb. 26.—Ash Wednesday (violet).  
Mar. 1.—First Sunday in Lent (vio-  
let).  
Ember Days, 4, 6 and 7th (violet).  
Mar. 8.—Second Sunday in Lent (vio-  
let).  
Mar. 15.—Third Sunday in Lent (vio-  
let).

PROVINCIAL SYNOD AT  
YOSEMITE

The Provincial Council met at Ca-  
thedral House, Fresno, January 24th,  
and voted to set the time of the 1936  
Synod from May 13-16 and the place,  
Yosemite National Park. Bishop San-  
ford will be chairman of the commit-  
tee on arrangements, assisted by the  
Rev. William E. Patrick and Mrs. J.  
Benson Wrenn.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DIS-  
TRICT CHURCH SERVICE  
LEAGUE

The Annual Meeting was preceded  
on Monday by the Executive Board  
Meeting. Each officer present gave the  
report of the work of her department  
for the past year. Twelve board mem-  
bers were present.

On Tuesday morning the Annual  
Meeting was opened with Holy Com-  
munion, Bishop Sanford being the cele-  
brant. The officers of the League were  
seated in the choir stalls. As has been  
the custom for the past few years the  
U. T. O. of the District was presented  
at this service. Mrs. Conklin, the Dis-  
trict Custodian and Mrs. Montgomery  
Thomas, president of the Fresno Ser-  
vice League, presented the offering,  
which totaled \$175.96, quite an increase  
over last year.

After this service the business ses-  
sion was opened with greetings from  
Bishop Sanford and Mrs. Montgomery  
Thomas. New officers and board mem-  
bers, Mrs. F. W. Coburn, Mrs. H. Scott  
Jacobs and Mrs. O. H. Root were in-  
troduced. The whole of Convocation  
was a celebration of the silver anni-  
versary of the founding of the District  
and the consecration of our Bishop.  
Some of the routine reports were om-  
itted and we profited and were enter-  
tained by reminiscences of several of  
the older members of the League. We  
all smiled broadly over the "much  
bossed" young clergyman from Sonora  
that was escorted by two of his par-  
ishioners to an early convocation in  
Hanford. Mrs. English told the story  
and admitted to being one of the es-  
corts. Mrs. B. L. Hughes confessed that  
her memories take in three bishops,  
Bishop Kip, Bishop Nichols and Bishop  
Sanford, knowing the latter, first,  
when he was in charge of Fowler. Mrs.  
O. D. Lyon, also recalled some of the  
early day events and Mrs. Uridge  
closed this period with an interesting  
account of the organized work of wo-  
men through these twenty-five years.

The afternoon speaker was Miss Re-  
bekah Hibbard, member of the Nation-  
al Council. Speaking on the subject  
"The Adventure of Service" she  
brought us renewed faith in our great  
enterprise of making the kingdom of  
this earth the Kingdom of our Lord. I  
shall only quote one thing she said.  
Most of those who read this heard her.  
Miss Hibbard was telling of the Youth  
Movement and some of the replies and  
suggestions that had been received  
from the young people. One college  
student said, "we want the Church to  
be a glowing torch held aloft to show  
us the way; not an ambulance to pick  
up the dead and dying." And I recalled  
Mrs. Remington's statement at Han-  
ford last year, "We commend our  
Christianity to others by being happy  
in it." We surely have not been very  
happy in it if we have caused young  
people to compare the Church to an  
ambulance!

I want to stress another thing, also  
not very complimentary which is a lo-  
cal condition. Several of our secretaries  
were forced to announce that their re-  
ports were not complete because the  
branches had not reported to them.  
Let us set a goal for the second twen-  
ty-five years that all letters shall be  
answered and all reports sent in  
promptly.

The meeting was closed at 4 o'clock  
with prayers led by Bishop Sanford.  
The Bishop Kip Chapter of the Fresno  
Service League were hostesses at a  
lovely tea in the Cathedral House and  
a pleasant social hour closed one of  
the happiest Annual Meetings which I  
have ever experienced. I am sure the  
next twenty-five years will be even

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

Many of you who were unable to at-  
tend the services held in St. James' Ca-  
thedral on January 21 will be happy to  
know that the offering amounted to  
\$175.96.

It is indeed a cause for happiness for  
the total for the year 1935 was only  
\$226.09.

At the request of several of the  
branches I am adding this to my an-  
nual report in the journal but perhaps  
a word of explanation will be helpful.

It is true that you placed this Thank  
Offering in your blue boxes in the jubi-  
lee year 1935 with not only a prayer of  
thankfulness to God but in a spirit of  
devotion to our beloved Bishop. How-  
ever because of the time of the year of  
its presentation it cannot be entered in  
the National Treasurer's books until  
1936. It is invested and interest for the  
same accredited to the end of the pres-  
ent year.

At the end of the triennial, a certi-  
ficate for the offering, plus the interest  
is sent to your custodian to be placed  
by her or her representative on the  
golden alms basin. Let us make the two  
following years, years of jubilee and  
devoted thankfulness also.

Sincerely,

HARIET CONKLIN,  
District Custodian.

## NOTES OF CONVOCATION

The hours of the 26th Annual Convo-  
cation of the District passed with  
very little variation from the Program  
arranged by the program committee,  
Rev. W. E. Patrick, chairman.

Those elected to the Executive Coun-  
cil are the Rev. Messrs. W. A. Cash, H.  
R. A. O'Malley, W. E. Patrick, William  
Payne, A. L. Walters, Messrs. Chester  
Cree, F. A. Eckstrom, S. W. R. Lang-  
don, M. D., C. E. Wakefield, Jr., and J.  
Benson Wrenn.

Delegates to the Provincial Synod,  
Rev. Messrs. H. R. A. O'Malley, W. E.  
Patrick, William Payne, Messrs. S.  
Couper, S. W. R. Langdon, M. D., J. B.  
Wrenn with the Rev. D. G. Porteous  
and Mr. O. H. Root, alternates.

The Rev. William Payne and the Rev.  
A. L. Walters were retained as treas-  
urer and secretary of the Convocation.

The members of the Cathedral Chap-  
ter elected were the Rev. Messrs. W.  
A. Cash, S. C. Hawley, T. C. Maxwell,  
H. R. A. O'Malley, D. G. Porteous and  
A. L. Walters and the six laymen cho-  
sen by the Cathedral congregation, Mes-  
srs. W. G. Cochrane, Ray Fitzpatrick,  
G. A. Gow, H. C. Lewis, John P. Phil-  
lips and Ivan Ewing.

The Bishop appointed Mr. W. Coburn  
Cook, Chancellor of the District. The  
Rev. Messrs. W. E. Patrick, William  
Payne, A. L. Walters, T. C. Maxwell,  
Messrs. F. A. Eckstrom, S. W. R. Lang-  
don, M. D., C. E. Wakefield, Jr., and  
J. B. Wrenn as the Council of Advice  
and the Rev. Seth C. Hawley, the Rev.  
T. C. Maxwell and the Rev. H. R. A.  
O'Malley examining chaplains.

The invitation of St. John's Church,  
Stockton, to hold the Convocation of  
1937, in Stockton was unanimously ac-  
cepted.

better and more shining as we go For-  
ward and Upward with Christ.

GRACE M. WRENN.

## Sermon Delivered by Bishop Parsons at Celebration of Bishop Sanford's Twenty-fifth Anniversary

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the new District of San Joaquin. From  
a strictly New England upbringing he  
brought what we sometimes forget is a  
characteristic New England trait, the  
spirit of the pioneer. The blood of the  
Pilgrims flowed in his veins. His New  
England was not Boston, but Rhode Is-  
land where the tradition of Roger Wil-  
liams still preached freedom. Pioneer-  
ing was a matter of course. Adventur-  
ing was in the blood. In that spirit, af-  
ter his graduation from Cambridge he  
came across the continent to Selma and  
Fowler for his first ministry,—a long  
jump in those days when to the staid  
dweller on the Atlantic Coast even  
Buffalo and Pittsburgh were the West.

And thus it was that after rector-  
ships in Salinas and St. John's, San  
Francisco, (before the earthquake and  
fire a parish great in numbers and in-  
fluence), and two years or more as  
Secretary of what in those days was  
called the Eighth Missionary Depart-  
ment, he was chosen Bishop of San  
Joaquin, he came back to the field of  
his first missionary work. The spirit of  
his ancestors had brought him to the  
great Valley of Central California, and  
now the Church had commissioned him  
to a new adventure, the building up of  
a new diocese in that same field.

He came to many old friends. He  
came to a vast district which at that  
time had passed out from the old cat-  
tle country days to those of orchards  
and vineyards. He came to a united  
people, determined to go forward and  
make their new independence fruitful  
for Church and state alike.

But he came, I imagine, with no great  
blare of publicity but with a quiet mo-  
desty which altogether belied the in-  
ward flame of devotion, the passion for  
justice and truth, the clear insight and  
the wide knowledge which he brought  
to all his plans and policies. Few knew  
then and indeed I think few know now  
the depth and breadth of his scholar-  
ship, and nothing that he himself would  
say reveals the careful and thorough  
study of facts which lies behind his de-  
cisions.

He moves steadily forward but so  
quietly and modestly that people do not  
realize that he often moves along un-  
trodden paths. He never speaks of  
courage in such a way as to suggest  
that he has needed it. The things he has  
done so simply, as such routine of his  
daily work that one never guesses the  
preparation in study and thought and  
the courage required in execution.

The new Missionary District, for ex-  
ample, had to be organized. All through  
the country people were talking of the  
commission form of government for  
cities. It had been tried successfully in  
many places. No one had even thought  
of it in connection with ecclesiastical  
organization until the Bishop of San  
Joaquin said, "If it works well in civic  
matters, why not try it in Church mat-  
ters?" The Council of Advice was or-  
ganized into departments covering the  
various fields of the Church's work,—  
Missions, Education, Social Service and  
Finance, and thus a central unity with  
a departmentalized responsibility was  
achieved. That sounds simple enough  
to us today; but we must remember  
that in 1911 there was no similar form  
of organization anywhere. We had  
Boards of Missions, Missionary Com-  
mittees, Sunday School Commissions  
and Institutes, Social Service Commis-  
sions; but they all went each on its  
own way. They overlapped in some  
places; in others they left great gaps in  
the normal work of the Church. The  
actual commission form of government  
has naturally given way to the Exec-  
utive Council which is normal now

throughout the Church, but in 1911 the  
whole scheme was new. So too it was  
new that women should be treated  
with the same consideration as men.  
The Bishop was not afraid that women  
would swamp vestries and dominate  
the Diocesan Convention. He had too  
much faith in the reality of the religion  
of the laymen of the Church and I am  
quite sure that faith has been justified.

An illustration of this same kind of  
quiet courage has often been in my  
mind during the past ten or twelve  
years. Most of you know that there  
exists an organization in the Church  
called the Church League for Indus-  
trial Democracy. Its platform which is  
not very detailed and has little of the  
marks of a program is in substance that  
the Christian faith in the value of per-  
sonality (that all men are really chil-  
dren of God and made in His image),  
which has brought about so we believe  
acceptance of the main principles of  
political democracy must be applied  
equally in the industrial and econ-  
omic world. Simple and obvious as  
that seems to many of us, its applica-  
tion in actual situations is from the  
point of view of the average Church-  
man a pretty radical thing. The League  
has not been regarded with great fa-  
vor by conservative people. Its leaders  
felt a decade ago that Synods and Con-  
ventions could hardly be expected to  
have the least interest or perhaps even  
understanding of what it was driving  
at. Not so the Bishop of San Joaquin.  
If the League was trying to further a  
really Christian point of view, why not  
have the Church say so? With an air  
as detached and unconcerned as if he  
were moving that the order of business  
should be thus and so, he asks the Syn-  
od to appoint a committee to enquire  
whether the principles of the League  
are or are not Christian and should or  
should not be the official position of  
the Church. The committee of the So-  
cial Service Department reported fa-  
vorably; the Synod in 1923 adopted the  
report, and thus went on record ap-  
proving a position to which the leaders  
of the Church are only today beginning  
to come, and the implications of which  
the Synod itself may not have fully  
realized. But my point is not that the  
Synod adopted this report, but that the  
Bishop in this perfectly matter of fact  
way goes to the root of much of our so-  
cial problem,—merely asks a question  
and by that question leads us very far  
along. It took courage and it took in-  
sight!

In all his long episcopate he has never  
faltered in his faith that the Chris-  
tian way is the only way along which  
the world must move: that God reigns  
and that ultimately God's will must be  
accepted by men else destruction fol-  
lows. Those who heard him in 1931 in  
the Cathedral in Denver read the Pas-  
toral Letter of the Bishops realize that  
most fully. That year the report of a  
Committee which had dealt in some de-  
tail with the problems of society had  
most unfortunately dulled the appeal  
of the Pastoral; and it is true also that  
the Pastoral Letter is not individual.  
But it is an open secret that the Bishop  
who reads it has had most to do with  
its preparation. In quoting it one can  
hardly fail to express fairly accurately  
the thought of the one who presents it.  
"The Church" says the Pastoral, "must  
insist that every financial question is  
essentially one of human relations. Un-  
til business is converted and is con-  
ducted as in the sight of God who is the  
Father of all men, no change in tech-  
nique will be of permanent value. The  
profit-seeking motive must give way to  
one of service." And again: "Christian-

ity provides moral principles drawn  
from the life and words of the Saviour  
which are in brief the infinite value of  
human personality and the universal  
tie which unites all men in one family."

Such doctrine has been the very sub-  
stance of his thought and preaching.

Another great ideal has guided his  
thought. The District of San Joaquin  
following the lead of its Bishop has pio-  
neered in the matter of Church Unity.  
Of the Bishop's efforts in establishing  
and developing the closest friendship  
and co-operation with the people of  
other Christian communions. I need  
hardly speak. From time to time he  
gathers groups of ministers from the  
other Churches here in Fresno to con-  
sider the problems of reunion. He takes  
his part in co-operative movements  
like the Yosemite and the Sequoia Na-  
tional Park Churches and some two  
years ago he pioneered again. After a  
careful study of the facts (which of  
course it is not my place here to re-  
view) he licensed as lay reader in the  
Episcopal Church the Methodist minis-  
ter at Lone Pine in the Owens River  
Valley.

There was a little flutter among  
some of our more rigid-minded eccles-  
iastical brethren. It seemed to some  
that the pillars of the Church, if not  
of the faith, were being rudely shaken  
by a blind Samson; but I take it that  
ultimately people saw that the action  
was one which grew not out of indif-  
ference to traditional uses or to the  
canonical structure of the Church but  
out of great concern for the souls of the  
people within the area of his charge,  
whether Episcopalians or not. These  
latter, in so far as he may help them,  
are a responsibility to every Bishop. He  
is more than a Bishop of the Episcopal  
Church. He is a Bishop in the Church  
of God.

Nay, but why pursue this thought in  
my own words. Let me rather quote  
the words of your own Bishop, words  
taken from the noble sermon with  
which he brought inspiration and help  
to me sixteen years ago last November  
as I was to embark upon the same joy-  
ous adventure which had opened to  
him ten years before:

"We remember that we are setting  
apart today not merely an official for  
this Diocesan, nor a Bishop of the Epis-  
copal Church, but a Bishop in the  
Church of God. His jurisdiction will  
have certain technical and territorial  
limits, but his office is Catholic in its  
scope. Not only theoretically but prac-  
tically he sustains a responsibility to  
all Christians. Christian unity can no  
longer be considered as a dream. It has  
become a hope with certain bright  
promises of fulfillment. That schism is  
a sin and a shame is well nigh univer-  
sally conceded. And only the superfi-  
cial reader of history can question the  
opportunity that lies with the Bishop of  
this and of other communions to heal  
the wounds in the Body of Christ. To  
the Bishop of this American Church a  
peculiar advantage attaches by reason  
at once of our ancient heritage and our  
modern sympathies.

To the Bishop, and particularly to the  
American Bishop, belongs the privilege  
of softening prejudices, not only as far  
as they exist against ourselves, but as  
against other Christian organizations as  
well. He can do much to supplant old  
habits of isolation with new habits of  
co-operation; to interpret the faith and  
practice of ancient Churches and mod-  
ern to each other; to promote such a  
consciousness of the unity of the spirit  
as can eventuate only in the desire for  
outward and visible oneness."

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