Christmas Glory

There's a song in all hearts, there's a light in all eyes. There's a glory that shines from the opening skies. The song and the light and the glory that fall from the Christmas skies upon you and all.
A Christmas Letter

By Bishop Remington

I am wishing for you this Day, a Happy Christmas, and I would send you those gifts which are beyond price, outlast time, and bridge all space. I wish you all laughter and pure joy, a merrie heart and a clear conscience, and Love which thinks no evil, is not easily provoked, and seeks not its own: The fragrance of flowers, the sweet associations of holly and mistletoe and fir, the memory of deep woods, of peaceful hills, and of the mantling snow, which guards the sleep of all God's creatures. I wish that the Spirit of Christmas may draw you into companionship with Him Who giveth all. The little Christ-hands are beckoning us to come within the circle of His faith and love, where are bright angels and everyday saints, and all goodness, truth and beauty. It is The Feast of the Child—"Come, let us adore him."

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"Our Order Wherever It May Be"

The President's Message

When Maud Royden was asked what she thought of our Church life after a visit to this country, she remarked that it impressed her as being a life of "ceaseless activity."

Not long ago a rector expressed his desire for the formation of a chapter of the Daughters of the King in his parish, giving as his reason the fact that it was an order of Being, rather than of Doing.

These remarks give us a great deal to think about and at this busy season of the year it is most timely for us to "Rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing," letting the beauty, quietness and joy of Christmas seep into our hearts and give us that confidence and serenity so needful to offset the turmoil, strife and fear which is prevalent in the world today. As a sage of the East said, "We must have time for our souls to catch up with our bodies."

Frequent moments of quietness and meditation will make us more worthy of the name, a Daughter of the King.

For many months it has been an inspirational pleasure to receive "Our News Sheet" from California. Miss Mary Eleanor Peters is the capable editor and is doing an excellent piece of work in not only relating news, but also publishing helpful and interesting articles. The October number featured "How we got our Prayer Book," a most timely subject when we are to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Prayer Book.

The Diocese of Los Angeles also has a news sheet entitled "The Angels Wings," and it is our hope that many dioceses will follow suit.

Miss Peters suggests that the establishment of diocesan papers such as these be one of the subjects discussed at our Triennial—an excellent idea.

You will be delighted to read Miss Elda Smith's letter from China, and recently I received a charming letter from Miss Li Shao Ch'iang who arrived in September at St. Margaret's House, Berkeley, California, to study at the University of California. She has been assisting Miss Smith and I would like to share with you some words from her letter. She says: "Elda is an ideal missionary, a sincere, faithful friend. The Daughters of the King really made a wonderful contribution in having sent her to China. We feel very thankful. I was one who was influenced by her great spirit to decide to be a missionary." We are delighted to have Li Shao Ch'iang in our country and hope she will be happy and blessed in her work. I know you will have her in your thoughts and prayers.

We are extremely sorry to accept the resignation of Mrs. James Minds, of Los Angeles, as Council Member, and shall remember with gratitude the work she has accomplished as Chairman of Devotions and Study.

Mrs. H. E. Fry, of Connecticut, has been appointed to complete Mrs. Minds' term of office, and has consented to be Chairman of Devotions and Study. Those of you who were fortunate enough to meet and hear Mrs. Fry at Philadelphia realize how pleased we are to have such a capable leader on our Council.

It is heartening to receive telegrams and letters from Assemblies and Provincial Meetings and to realize how splendidly the work of the Order is progressing. The inspiration received from praying and working together means a great deal to the Order and is a great encouragement to members of the Council.

Many members and chapters have celebrated their fiftieth birthday and anniversaries. Mrs. S. E. Holmes, 149-28 Raleigh Street, Ozone Park 16, Long Island, New York, is anxious to hear about them, so if you are "in the fifties" please drop her a line.

We are deeply grateful to Dr. Jones, who is one of the editor's neighbors in Pine Orchard, Connecticut, for his timely article on Amsterdam in this issue.

May this Christmas be to each one of you a season of happiness and peace and the New Year full of many blessings.

Constance A. Shannon.
Looking Ahead

Convention Days will soon be with us again for this triennium is fast drawing to a close. In a few months a new triennium will begin. Every indication points to the best Triennial Meeting possible next September in San Francisco. Your National Council having made careful plans many months ago, these plans are now in various and satisfactory stages of preparation as they are being matured by the committees in charge. The steady progress being made by the committees brings a feeling of gratitude and assurance. Nevertheless, to insure the success of our forthcoming Triennial Meeting it will take united effort, and your prayers, and your presence.

Of course, you want your convention to accomplish certain purposes. The extent to which it will do so, will depend largely upon how much of the responsibility you are willing to assume. Let us then begin NOW to give serious thought to what our part includes.

In accordance with the requirements of our Constitution one of our most important obligations is to send delegates to the convention. Article V, section 2, states: “The Convention shall be composed of one delegate from each chapter and one delegate from each diocese (where there is diocesan organization) together with the members of the National Council of the Order, each shall be impowered to cast one vote.” Now is the time when interest should center around plans for sending a delegate from your chapter and a delegate from your diocese to the Triennial Meeting. Electing your delegates calls for definite action, they should be Daughters who clearly understand the needs and the activities of the Order, who are familiar with its Constitution and By-Laws, and who will come to the convention animated by a serious purpose and resolved to do their best.

Another responsibility of great importance is defined in the By-Laws, Article II, section 5: “Each diocese is requested to send by June first of each Triennial Convention year the name of one of its Daughters who would be eligible for election as a National Council Member providing they have previously secured the consent of such prospective candidate to her nomination.” It should be obvious to all, that if the influence of the Order is to be a real agent in the “Spread of Christ’s Kingdom” on earth, it must constantly be on the alert for ways in which to keep its program, helpful, progressive, and effective. This calls for a strong and vigorous leadership, a leadership every Daughter should be deeply concerned in achieving for our Order. Obviously too, the first symptom of weakness in a group is its failure to develop and strengthen its leadership. Daughters who would make splendid Council members frequently decline to serve. If we value our membership more highly, and take the obligations of that membership more seriously, do you not believe that the reluctance of many to accept membership on our National Council would give place to an eager willingness to share the responsibilities such service entails.

Three factors will determine whether the National Council you elect next September will be a strong and vigorous one.

1. A candidate for membership on the National Council from every Diocese. This would mean a representative slate, giving the convention a wide choice.

2. Be sure that your nominee is a Daughter who has the ability to think in terms of the whole Order, and to forget self in her effort to work in harmony with others for the advancement of the Order.

3. Make certain that your candidate is ready and willing to fulfill the obligations of a Council Member should she be elected to this office. Obligations of a Council Member are: “(a) To attend at least one Council Meeting a year; (2) To read carefully all communications pertaining to the work of the Order, and to reply to them promptly; (c) To be willing to accept and fulfill obligations involved in her appointment on a Standing Committee and other committees necessary to the work of the Council or the Order.”

Let us work together to do our part, looking forward with joyous enthusiasm to our Triennial Meeting. An event that engenders happy Christian fellowship as together we consider and try to find a solution to our problems, and which brings to each one through the beautiful Hours of Meditations and Services of Worship a soul-enriching experience.

Lillian Janet Soper.
Help!  
Calling All Chapters!

The “Triennial” in San Francisco is taking form. One of the features will be an exhibit of practical demonstrations of the activities of the Daughters of the King. The following have been suggested:

I. Copies of The Royal Cross
   Our News Sheet (California)
   The Angels Wing (Los Angeles)
II. Linens and Altar hangings made by the Daughters of the King
III. A model of the Chapel trailer from the State of Washington
IV. Books relative to or appropriate for our Order
V. Posters and scrapbooks, or other hand work done by the Junior Daughters
VI. A pamphlet on “Guide Mothers” issued in Los Angeles, California.

I am greatly indebted to Miss Mary Eleanor Peters for the above suggestions. Will you please send articles for exhibition to Mrs. Eugene Manning Hill c/o St. Paul’s Church, Burlingame, California?

Irene H. Hill
Exhibits Chairman for the Triennial Convention

My Cross

My cross just hangs upon a chair, it’s true,
And it may seem that it is vain to you;
To me it is a badge I wear,
To me it is a flag I bear,
Which says to Christians everywhere—“Be true!”

My cross was not on Calvary’s, it’s true,
But helps my heart to keep that hill in view;
To me it is a shield and sword
And when I see on chain or cord
A cross, then I salute my Lord!
Do you?

—Marie Medora

EDITORIAL NOTES

The new address of our National Treasurer is

Mrs. Walter P. Doty
72 E. Blackwell Street
Dover, New Jersey.

Again the correct address of
Miss Elda Joyce Smith
Sheh Ch’ao Kang
Sheng Kung Hui
Wuhu, Province of Anhui, China

P.S. It is interesting to note that three words mean the name of the Church, and three the name of the road.

In order to keep our lists straight, we would appreciate it if death notices for our In Memoriam could be sent both to the editor and to the National office.

If possible all communications sent for Royal Cross publication should be typewritten. This will avoid many mistakes.

A correction has been sent in by Mrs. J. Minds regarding the article on Page 42 of the Fall issue. Mrs. Minds writes: “In your correction please say:—The Bishop Johnson Memorial Chapter wishes to say they neither wish nor deserve the broad credit in the article; that the trailers are sustained by St. Christopher’s Guild, of which we, with many others, are members; that St. James Chapter, Los Angeles, instituted the Alice B. Pedder Memorial Fund, and that they hoped to have the National Order share in it. It is still open and asking for help. Our chapter only shared in that, as in other projects.”

In the Autumn issue the article “What Can I Do?” was written by Gertrude Brisbane, a member of the Junior Committee.

A Request From Miss Rennie

Will officers sending in registration fees kindly send the names and addresses and zone numbers of the new members? Just sending in one or two or more dollars for crosses is not clear enough, and if an assistant is handling the mail it takes an extra letter, and causes a delay to answer the request. Names must be presented with the registration fees to be added to the mailing list.
Our Amsterdam Assembly in Retrospect

PHILIP COWELL JONES

(Associate minister of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, and Accredited visitor at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Amsterdam in 1948.)

What was expected from the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches? A bolt of lightning across the world-wide sky, a new and universal Pentecost, a super-colossal planetary church? Any such expectations could not be fulfilled, for the works of God must yet come to pass through human beings and no totalitarian church is either possible or desirable. Since, however, the new light for which mankind yearns comes as the silent glow of dawn, the 1948 Congress in Amsterdam was no disappointment. If the event was conceived as a college commencement, as a new beginning after a climb partway up the stairway of life, we may take courage and move forward with pennants waving, a fire of hope in our hearts, a new bestowal of zest and valor for the facing of a sad and fearful era in history. Here are a few heartening signs that came from Amsterdam:

1. Theological differences and varying concepts of the character and duties of the Church of Christ were faced honestly, without compromise, and with mutual respect and an unprecedented degree of understanding.

2. A singleness of purpose was evidenced, to proclaim the eternal Gospel as the only hope for the individual and for society.

3. Beneath all divergencies there was a felt unity in the bonds of Christ.

4. There was unanimous resolve to cooperate in every possible way in helping to meet human need in all the world.

5. The Assembly represented the churches in one hundred and fifty communications from forty-three countries, and thus was of world-wide significance.

6. The younger Churches and the longer established fellowships met as equals.

7. The Assembly was a move from the "provisional stage" to the "official stage" in organization, inasmuch as the delegates had been elected by their communions for the express purpose of forming a World Council.

8. There now exists an instrument through which there may be continuing consideration of what the Church is, God's design for a world society animated by Christ, expressing the saving purpose of God, and revealing the way of salvation without and within the human heart, through the Holy Spirit.

9. The place and responsibilities of lay men and lay women were clearly recognized.

10. There has returned to each Protestant fellowship a small number of carefully chosen men and women who will preach the good news of a strong and growing sense of ecumenicity.

"Amsterdam" afforded an experience of heartening fellowship. For good measure, the delegates and visitors tasted true Dutch hospitality and shared in the gaiety attendant upon the elevation of Princess Juliana to the throne of the brave and democratic Kingdom of the Netherlands.

A Christmas Prayer

O Christ, grant us thankful hearts today for Thee, our choicest gift, our dearest guest. Let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for Thee and Thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where Thou mayest find fit company, where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide sweet spaces kept for Thee, where holy thoughts pass up and down, and fervent-longings watch and wait Thy coming, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

Facing the New Year

We pledge ourselves To follow through the coming year The light which God gives us: The light of Truth, wherever it may lead; The light of Freedom, revealing new opportunities for individual development and social service; The light of Faith, opening new visions of the better world to be; The light of Love, daily binding brother to brother and man to God in ever closer bonds of friendship and affection.

Guided by this light, We shall go forward to the work of another year with steadfastness and confidence. —Author Unknown
A Tribute to Julia N. McLean

Julia Norton McLean, a consecrated servant of Christ and His Church, passed into the life beyond life on Mar. 17, 1948. Born in Portland, Connecticut, she attended St. Margaret’s School, Waterbury, and after teaching there a year, spent the remainder of her almost eighty-three years span of life in her native town devoting her time and interest to Trinity Church. She lived for her church and through it served the people of the community.

No endeavor or activity of her church, from the kitchen to the sanctuary, lay beyond her interest and willing assistance. However, her most unique service to her parish and the church at large was rendered through the church school and The Daughters of the King. For almost sixty years she taught in the church school where her lively interest in the boys and girls continued through the years. She seldom lost touch with her pupils and letters followed them to all corners of the globe where they served their country during the world wars. Appreciative response from the young people brought her great happiness.

No one ever gave more of her life to the Daughters of the King than did Julia McLean. She was President of St. Margaret’s Chapter, Trinity Parish for more than fifty years; a President of the Diocesan Assembly; President of the Order in the Province, and for many years secretary of the extension committee in which capacity she was instrumental in establishing the Bishop’s Chapter and the Junior Daughters of the King in Connecticut. She was Directress of the chapter of Juniors in Trinity Church from its founding to the time of her death, obtaining splendid results in relating the girls to the Church’s life. She was Diocesan Secretary for Home Prayers, mailing thousands of copies yearly to the sick and shut-ins. For many years she served on the Executive Committee of the National Council of the Daughters where she won distinction for our Diocese.

We, the members of the Daughters of the King of the Diocese of Connecticut, will ever honor and cherish the memory of this consecrated leader and friend. It may be truly said that The Rule of Prayer and The Rule of Service were personified in Julia McLean. To know her was to witness a living expression of the spirit and purpose of the Master’s teaching and work.

Margaret Wallace

The Master’s Fund — Winter, 1948

The Master’s Fund has accepted one student for a scholarship this Fall—Miss Jennie M. Frazell—who is to study at the Divinity School, Department of Women, in Philadelphia. Miss Frazell is a southerner as she comes from Lake Worth, Florida and had her college education at Radford College in Virginia.

It is a great pleasure to your committee chairman to get acquainted—even if it is only by letter—with these young women from all parts of the United States. It is a joy I wish more of you could share.

By way of keeping you informed on matters pertaining to the schools where we have given scholarships in the past I want to let you know that The Cathedral of St. John the Divine decided to exercise its right to take over the building on its grounds formerly used by the New York Training School of Deaconesses—St. Faith’s—which means that the School will be closed for the present, at least.

I should like to quote from a letter received from Miss Ann E. Shields, who was one of the people who received a scholarship in 1947-48 for use at St. Margaret’s House, Berkeley, California.

She writes, “Through the help of the scholarship from the Master’s Fund, I have finished my second year of training at St. Margaret’s House. It is difficult to tell you how much it has meant to me to be able to take this second year with all of its additional preparation.

“I had the privilege of speaking to a meeting of the Daughters of the King at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in San Francisco last Spring. . . . Beginning September 1, I shall be assistant librarian at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific here in Berkeley. A theological education is a “must” for this work which will give me an opportunity to assist in a small way in the training of men for the ministry of the Church and of women for professional religious work. . . .

“Thank you and all the Daughters again. Please remember me and the work of the School in your prayers from time to time.”

The work of the Master’s Fund is well worth while! Respectfully submitted,

Letitia E. Lamb, Chairman
A Message From the Chairman of Devotions and Study

Since the Order of the Daughters of the King has always had Evangelism as a phase of its religious practices, it is hoped that you have all had a chance to hear the Episcopal Radio Programs, GREAT SCENES FROM GREAT PLAYS. A booklet is offered free to all listeners "Finding Your Way." Although the booklet is designed "primarily to help those who are not at the present time actively affiliated with any communion of the Christian Church . . ." it is an excellent booklet on which to base a program both for Junior and Senior Daughters of the King. It will give you a brief bird's eye view of the Episcopal Church and will help us in the task of living our prayer . . . "that we may strive to spread Thy Kingdom and to gather Thy dispersed sheep within Thy fold; . . ." The booklet may be secured from The National Council, 281 Fourth Ave., New York 10.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council has recently published four cards called BEGINNING WITH ME. They are four for five cents or 75 cents a hundred. The titles of the cards are "Be a Good Steward;" "Ye Shall Witness;" "Sanctify Our Home" and "Revive the Churches." These cards are excellent for personal devotions and meditations and are splendid to take with you when making calls to shut-ins and the sick or absent members of your Parish and Order.

The card "Revive the Churches" has this poem which is like the hymn of our Order only differently expressed:

"Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, an use
Every power as thou shalt choose.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee. Amen."

—Martha Smith Fry

Christmas

"I want them, oh, I want them so,
Those Christmastides of long ago!
The faces of those friends of mine
On which the love-light used to shine!
The voices I so sorely miss!
The clinging hand, the gift, the kiss.
Ah! Christmas is not now to me
The joy that Christmas used to be!

"Dear lonely soul! Remember this.
When vanished faces thou dost miss,
That One came down to earth today,
Through all the years with thee to stay—
Let Him thine empty places fill.
Then—Christmas will be Christmas still!
Yea, more ten thousand times to thee,
Than ever Christmas used to be!"

The thought,
Think how the Incarnate Christ fills every human relationship,
"The Father of the fatherless."
"The same is my brother, and sister, and mother."
"Ye are My friends."

—Gertrude Hollis
Reported Meetings To Date

Great Falls, Montana:
At the diocesan meeting held in Great Falls, Montana, May, 1948, Memorial Prayers were said for two members of the Bishop’s Chapter who have joined the Church Expectant during the past year; Mrs. Dolly Dean Burgess and Mrs. Ruby Gibbons.

Twenty-five attended our breakfast meeting at which Bishop Daniels spoke, likening our work to the Evangelists of old carrying the words of the Master to all lands. He spoke of the man who had no sons, but he did have some daughters, and as Daughters we are the Evangelists of the Church.

Mrs. Steinmetz’s talk was on the personal relationship with God, our Church, and ourselves, and she closed her remarks with Mrs. Heffner’s lovely poem-prayer of a Daughter of the King which was published in the September 1947 Royal Cross.

Jacksonville, Florida:
From Mrs. Marie L. Stewart of Bishop Weed Chapter of St. Philip’s Church, Jacksonville, we are delighted to hear of an account of their thirty-third anniversary.

Out of a membership of thirty-two, twenty-one Daughters were present for the Corporate Communion. A large congregation was present later, including members from St. Agnes Chapter, Miami, Florida, and the President of Calvary’s Chapter, Washington, D. C.

The Reverend Bartlett M. Cochrane, of St. Timothy’s Church, Daytona Beach, took as his subject Divine Discipline.

After the service, dinner was served in the Undercroft of the Church, where short talks were made on the work accomplished. The Rector of St. Philip’s, the Reverend Mr. Satterwhite, stated that the Chapter in his parish had been a great inspiration, as well as a help to him in guiding the spiritual life of the parish.

San Diego, California:
On April eighteenth, St. Mark’s Chapter, San Diego, celebrated their twentieth anniversary and the Rector of the Parish entrusted the care of the Church School to the Order. This is a splendid project, and opportunity for the Order to carry out their vows of Prayer and Service and to be a help to their Rector in the spiritual work of the Parish.

Chicago, Illinois:
It was a great privilege of the Daughters of the King, Diocese of Chicago, to welcome as their guest for their Diocesan Assembly held on Sunday, October third, at the Church of the Epiphany, the Right Reverend Michael Yashiro, Presiding Bishop of the Church in Japan. Bishop Yashiro preached at Evensong and was guest at a reception given in his honor by the Daughters of the King in the parish house following the service. The bishop spoke of the great hardships endured by the Church in Japan during the war years, pointed out that she was the only church able to withstand the persecutions of the military government. The Church now emerging from these trials is strong, though small, destined to play an important role in the establishment and maintenance of peace in the Orient and needs the prayers of all Christians. Bishop Yashiro is en route to Japan from the Lambeth Conference and will be welcomed home by General MacArthur, the Emperor and five thousand Christians. This information about the Church in Japan was sent in by Mrs. James Lyle Cassidy, President of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Chicago.

Pertinent Points for Program Planning

1. Evaluate last year’s work.
2. Have a definite program. A meeting should be inspiring, interesting and informative.
3. Leaders should always be prepared. Start promptly, end promptly.
4. Lose yourself in your work.
5. Praying and studying will bring a real blessing.
6. Use new methods — to meet new times.
7. Be enthusiastic. Enthusiasm is contagious.
8. Prayer linked with action brings wonderful results.
9. Be careful to see that the devotional part of the meeting is not mere routine, but an experience of worship which should benefit everyone.
10. Plan your work. Work your plan. Remember that the Church goes forward or retreats according to our vital interest. To work as if all depended on you. To pray as if all depended on God.
Dear Mrs. Shannon:

Unless I get a letter off to you now it will be at least a couple of months before I shall have time to have another chat with you all. Your nice letters have kept coming and also cards. I am simply swamped. It is good of some of you to mark them “printed matter” for in this way there is no handling fee which amounts to about twenty-five cents on each parcel or perhaps a trifle less. So far there has been no duty on any of them. The handling fee is something different. I appreciate more than I can tell you your taking the trouble to sort and wrap them. I have just let our nine diocesan woman workers take as many as they can carry home under difficult travelling conditions. They have been here for six months attending a refresher course and most of them work out in the country where they don’t have much in the way of materials for Sunday School. If in writing I do not mention your particular package it is because your name and address was completely obliterated. We are a long way from Home and it is a good idea to put your name and address inside the package as well as on the outside. We have been delighted when calling on some of our children to see hanging in some of their homes some of the lovely pictures which they have made in Sunday School out of your old cards.

Downstairs in the playroom, I hear the sound of laughter and fun and also some studying aloud. The Chinese children study aloud in a sing-song voice and they don’t mind how much noise is going on around them just so that they can hear their own voices. So when we have about twenty children all studying aloud trying to hear their own voices, then add to that almost 500 high school students just out of class and you have a perfect bedlam. My house opens onto the playground. At first I thought I would go mad but I have gotten quite used to it though I still have moments when I wish I could shut my door and not hear a single sound for five minutes, not even the sparrows in my garden. These children which I hear downstairs are some of our neighborhood children who come every day from one to three in the afternoon. One of our Sunday School teachers and another girl who will be baptized soon are doing this good piece of work. They have reading, writing, arithmetic, hygiene and singing. Their reading books are all simple Christian teaching. I wish you could hear them sing, “All Things Bright And Beautiful, All Creatures Great And Small” which is in our Chinese hymnal and set to the lovely tune in the New Hymnal. They don’t know all the characters but have memorized every verse and understand the good, Christian teaching.

My work is with the women and children only. To me the most wonderful job in the world is to prepare non-Christian people for Baptism, especially when they are young and have their lives before them.

For those friends who constantly ask me, “What can we send that will help most”? We are glad to have any kind of school materials, such as thumb tacks, construction paper (colored), crayons, etc., etc., to say nothing of a glass jar with a screw top which would naturally find its way to the waste paper basket. In summer all metal things and anything that sticks have to be kept in airtight containers. For those friends who ask “What is the best way to send money for the work?” You may send it to Mr. Whitney, 281 Fourth Ave., New York marked Elda Smith, “special” or better still just send a personal check. We can cash it at our bank right here in Wuhu. Several friends have recently written asking me if I am hungry. I was quite amused. We missionaries are not rich but we are not hungry either. We always sound enthusiastic over parcels of food from Home, but not because we are hungry but simply because we live mostly on Chinese food and food from Home is DIFFERENT. We cannot buy it here in Wuhu. We have recently been granted a 25% bonus for which every Missionary is more than grateful and according to the rapidly rising cost of living was greatly needed.

My love and deepest appreciation to you all.

Elda Smith.
Know the Facts Before You Send Gifts to the Orient

Recent letters from missionaries in the Far East indicate that well-wishers at home are subjecting the missions to expense that can be ill afforded. This arises from the shipment of goods, such as clothing and linens, without proper regard for foreign import regulations. Unless care is exercised, import duties may cost the missions more than the value of the goods.

Recommendations for gifts to missions originating in some department of work at the National Council usually are accompanied by instructions about shipment. This applies to requests from the Overseas Department, to the supply work of the Woman’s Auxiliary, and to special projects of the Department of Christian Education. Unless the gift you are planning to send has been so recommended, or has been specifically requested by the missionary to whom you plan to send it, it would be well to inquire whether it is really needed, before you send it off.

Please observe, and save for reference, these instructions:

**General:** Parcels post is easier, quicker, and cheaper. It should be used for all but very bulky objects. If necessary, break up into several lots to conform to postal regulations.

If your shipment cannot go forward by parcels post because of bulk or value, and you lack instructions as to freight shipment, write to the Shipping Department of the National Council, 281 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

**China:** Parcels post packages must be valued at less than fifty dollars each. Valuations should be nominal; packages cannot be insured, so nothing is gained by a high valuation. If used clothing is sent, parcels post must be used; otherwise customs regulations require fumigation which adds to the cost.

Packages for relief purposes must be accompanied by a statement listing the contents and stating that they are unsolicited gifts.

Gifts should be sent addressed to the mission in care of the missionary, and marked *For Mission Use* if such is the case. Lacking the name of the mission, goods can always be addressed to *American Church Mission*. Packages addressed to individuals are subject to import duty.

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Miss Li Giving a Vitamin Tablet to One of the Children

Welcome To New Chapters

Welcome to you new Junior Daughter’s Chapters which have just been organized in this past year.

We older chapters may have made mistakes, but it is my sincere wish that by the Grace of God you will not fall heir to them.

To help you along the way to a well organized group we have Miss Brisbane who is glad to help. Send any questions to her which can be answered in a question and answer section of The Royal Cross. (No names printed.)

As new members remember always the two rules of our Order, that of prayer, and service. Remember also that your Cross should be worn often as a symbol of your membership.

Youth in all parishes is badly needed, and it is up to your individual organizations to help. There is plenty of service to be done to others, and you can create youth interest in the Church, striving to bring more and more young people closer to God.

It is up to us girls all over the country to do what we can for our Church for as young churchwomen we are a vital part of it. God bless you all.

Judy West,
Secretary of St. Mary’s Order,
St. Matthews, Dallas, Texas
In Memoriam

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RECEIPTS:

- Yearly Dues, Senior: $4,422.50
- Yearly Dues, Junior: $70.25
- Registrations, Senior: $493.65
- Registrations, Junior: $78.95
- Crosses, Senior: $129.25
- Crosses, Junior: $18.45
- Miscellaneous: $49.48
- Literature: $251.89
- The Royal Cross: $12.70
- Extension: $6.03
- Interest: $302.03
- General Receipts—Funds: $3,184.27
- Foreign Missions and Specials: $18.50

Total Receipts: $9,037.95

Total of Balance and Receipts: $20,598.33

DISBURSEMENTS:

- Salaries: $3,082.60
- Rent: $552.00
- Telephone: $84.24
- Office Expense and Supplies: $227.93
- Crosses: $373.07
- Printing and Stationery: $503.24
- President: $54.67
- Secretary: $38.45
- Treasurer: $69.90
- Miscellaneous: $96.05
- The Royal Cross: $1,723.15
- Extension: $75.00
- Foreign Missions and Specials: $18.50
- St. Faith's, New York City: $1,000.00
- Government Bond: $500.00

Total Disbursements: $8,398.80

Cash on hand September 1, 1948: $20,598.33

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Prayers

For the Expectant Mother

O God, the Creator and Sustainer of all life: we beseech thee to behold and bless this thy servant, who at this time is anticipating the joys and privileges of motherhood. Grant to her, and to all who minister to her, the spirit of wisdom; that all things needful, both for herself and for the child, may be accomplished. And, in the fullness of time, may she, and all who love her, rejoice that a son or daughter is born into the world. Grant this, we humbly beseech thee, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(By the Reverend David K. Montgomery)

O God, make clean my heart within me; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Let us pray.

Eternal and everliving God, whose majesty sustains and fills all creation: grant that I, being a partaker of thy divine love and life, may bring forth this child into the world, even as the Virgin Mary brought forth thy Son our Saviour, and may dedicate him to the glory of thy holy Name and the extending of thy Kingdom; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(By the Reverend William H. Fox, Chaplain of the Order in Diocese of Dallas.)
Greetings, Girls!

By now I expect that all of you are back in school again, and yelling your lungs out for that favorite football team of yours. Isn’t it wonderful the loyalty and support that we, as members of a school, give to our athletic teams? But how many of us give the same kind of enthusiastic loyalty and support to Christianity as a member of that great family?

How strong is any football team? We all know that it is only as strong as the weakest man on it. The same is true of any Church organization including your chapter. However, there have been football teams that have had no weak link, so that it has been impossible for the enemy to break through their line. Your chapter can be that way, if each girl does all she can.

How does one become a strong member of a team? Consider your football players again. There are certain rules they must observe regardless of what they would like to do. For instance, if there is a game for the next day, a football player sees to it that he gets in early enough to get a good rest, so that he will be in good shape for the game. Many times he would like to stay longer at the party or listen to another radio program but he knows he can’t and play his part well in the game. Another rule for football players is the necessity of being present at all practices in order to get instructions, learn new players, practice, and get acquainted with other members.

We as loyal Christians and Junior Daughters could well adapt both of these rules. How many of us arrive at Church or Sunday School late because we overslept? Or worse still, how many don’t arrive because they’re tired? And how many attend meetings only when we don’t have something else to do?

This year are you going to observe rules that will make you one of the strong members through whom God’s work can be carried on?

May God bless each and every one of you; strengthening you in body, mind and soul; and knitting you into a strong fellowship that his work may be carried on “For His Sake.”

Yours in His Name,
Grace Brisbane.

Suggested Christmas Activity

1. Help with the Christmas Church School Party
2. Present or help with the Christmas Pageant
3. Give a Christmas Play or Pageant at various institutions
4. Prepare the Manger Scene for a corner of the Church or Children’s room
5. Prepare Christmas favors for hospital trays
6. Carol for shut-ins, hospitals, and other institutions.
7. Help with Christmas Clerical work. Help the Red Cross send out seals. Help with the folding of your Church’s Christmas letter
8. Send Christmas cards or gifts to sick, needy, and people of other lands.

What I Ought To Do

In the last issue, girls, we discovered a few of the things that we could do. But how many of us have been in a situation where there were several things we could do but we couldn’t decide what we should do? I have heard some girls say, “Well in that case I just do what I want to do most.” Is that the right answer?

In this issue is an article written for you by a recently consecrated Bishop of our Church. We are greatly indebted to Bishop Henry who very generously took the time to prepare this article for you. Please read and discuss it fully for it has a great deal in it to help you.
What I Ought To Do

The over-all plan of God in His creation is beyond man’s immediate understanding. We speak of the Kingdom of God. We see that His purpose is to bring all men and creation under His control or Kingship. This is the ultimate plan. Our problem is in seeing where I fit into that final end. To find out what I ought to do.

The idea that I among the two billion people in the world have any great part to play in God’s ultimate end, to some seems almost conceited. To the Christian, however, it is part of his calling, not only to find out his part in God’s redemption of the world, but to assume that part with the help of God. It is not as though I am doing God’s work for Him, but it is more nearly that I so clear myself of selfishness, pride, self centeredness, that He can work in and through me as though I were a tool.

Imagine, if you will, a hammer that has a will of its own. I try to drive a nail, and the hammer decides that it would prefer not to hit the nail, but would rather follow its own selfish desire. That hammer is not fit for the use to which I would put it. So also is one of God’s creatures, you and I, if we would insist on carrying out our will, rather than seek God’s will, and our place in His will.

The over-all picture of the Kingdom of God, we began by saving, is too great for us to understand. That is true, but we can see part. We can see that it involves me and my relationship with every person in the world. Then part of my task is that I shall be a useful tool of God in my relationship with my father, mother, brother, sister, friend, teacher, or any human being. I shall live in such a way that in every relationship, the love and joy of God, as shown to us in Christ Jesus, shines forth. In the simple everyday words and deeds we can be a channel through which God speaks, or we can be like a pane of glass over which a film of paint has been smeared and no light shines through.

But the self-centeredness still comes back to us in another way. We begin to deal with people as we understand God would do, not to the glory of God, but to our own glory. The minute we become concerned about how good we are, rather than how good and loving God is, we are no longer God’s tool, but our own tool.

How to be a good and useful tool to God—that is our problem. I ought to meet this problem of being a good and useful tool to God: by daily study of His word, let us say five minutes; by daily relationship with Him to know His will in our lives, pray for five minutes listening rather than “asking”; by always trying to embody in our lives the sort of love that Jesus Christ showed us, not to our own glory, but as His representatives here, by regularly receiving His strengthening Gifts in His Feast, the Holy Communion.

Jesus summed up what I have said in one sentence: “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

The Rt. Rev. M. George Henry, D.D. Bishop of Western North Carolina

Christmas Message for the Juniors from the National Office

“May the Blessings of the Christmas Season remain with you, and yours, throughout all the days of the year ahead.”

Alice K. Rennie.

Welcome, New Chapters and Members!

On behalf of all the old chapters and members, we extend hearty and warm welcome to all new chapters, and to new members. We are all very happy to have you join our fellowship and are at your service. May God bless your every effort throughout this and coming years.

A Call For Friendship

Juniors, are you interested in spreading a little sunshine in war torn Germany? Here’s your chance.

The two girls below are interested in your Order and would like more information about it through correspondence with some of the girls. I hope that many of you will write to them.

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