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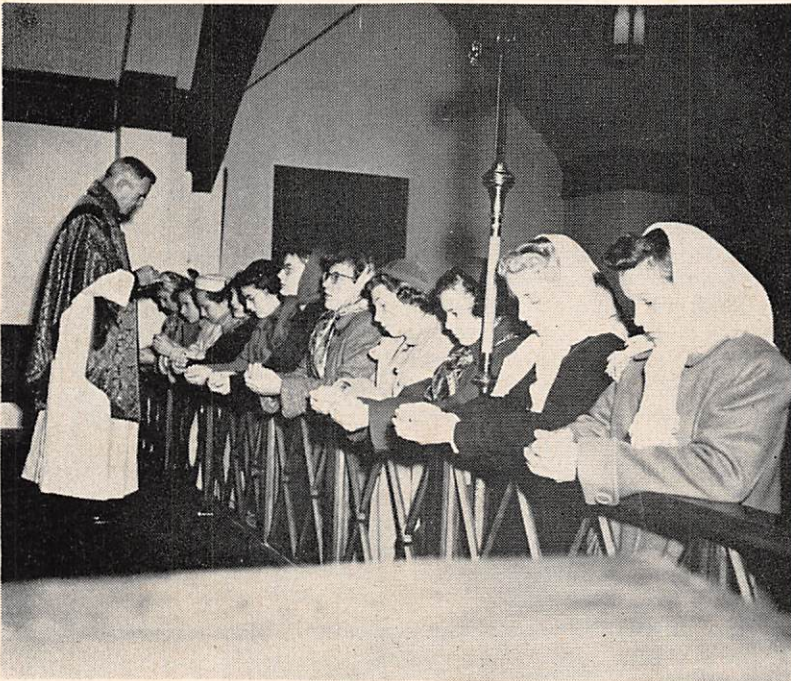
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Including The Junior Messenger

## Juniors of St. Mathew's Church

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA



*"Pour Out Upon Us The Seven Fold Gift  
of Thy Holy Spirit."*

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OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

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## THE WORD OF GOD:

You have perhaps heard Spurgeon's famous story of the poor woman who was confronted by a modern agnostic. He asked: "What are you reading?" "I am reading the Word of God." "The Word of God! Who told you that?" "He told me so Himself." "Told you so? Why, how can you prove that?" Looking skyward, the poor soul said: "Can you prove to me that there is a sun up in the sky?" "Why, of course; the best proof is that it warms me, and I can see its light." "That's it!" was her joyous reply. "The best proof that this Book is the Word of God is that it warms and lights my soul."

### *It is Inexhaustible*

It is like a seed. You can tell how many acorns are on an oak, but you cannot tell how many oaks are in an acorn. The tree that grows from a seed produces in turn the seeds of other trees; and each succeeding tree ad infinitum.

Its depth is infinite; its height is infinite. Millions of readers and writers, age after age, have dug in this unfathomable mine, and its depth are still unexhausted. Age after age, it has generated, with every-increasing power, ideas, plans, schemes, themes, and books. Yes, books; and in many cases books that are the only literature of the nation. The greatest minds have been its expositors. Myriads of students have studied it daily, and its readers from day to day can be numbered by millions.

The volumes that have been written on single chapters or even verses would fill the shelves of many a library, and today they are as fresh, as fertile, as inexhaustible as the day they were first written. The treasures yet to be found are as the stars of the sky, of infinite multitude.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First a word of appreciation for the many expressions of interest and approval which you have given us regarding this page. We hope it will continue to be helpful, we will welcome suggestions as to ways in which we may be of greater assistance.

Here we would share with you the good news of the decidedly upward swing the Order has taken over the short span of eighteen months. The steady progress all along the line indicates that there is a fine spirit of cooperation and a new sense of responsibility for the task at hand. An outstanding example of what can be done when we have a really active interest was the exceptionally early response by a large majority of the Daughters in paying their annual national dues. We quote from the Treasurer's comparative report; Senior dues received to Jan. 1, 1950, \$2,982.15; Senior dues received to Jan. 1, 1951, \$4,255.20. You missed the perfect mark by a small margin, two dioceses and a few chapters were a little late, even so, you set an all time record, as heretofore dues had come in, in dribbles from November to February. And not to forget our Juniors, their dues also came in earlier than usual. Although no one diocese gained the hoped for increase of sixty-five new members there has been throughout the Order a splendid increase over the previous year in registrations and new chapters both Senior and Junior. Of first importance among the influences and achievements which have been building up the strength of the Order are included the forming of more Prayer Groups, and the enlarging of chapter and diocesan programs by adding Quiet Days, and Hours of Prayer and Meditations.

As Daughters of the King we have a vital cause to promote, so let us not be satisfied and content with what has been accomplished, but keep in mind that, "the rung of a ladder was never meant to rest

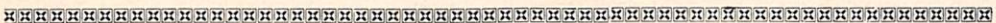
upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other one up higher." Each move forward should call us to greater effort, greater activity to keep on the upgrade.

We all know the term, "there is no time like the present," so, secretaries, chapter and diocesan, who have not filled in the annual report blank and sent it to the proper officer, do it NOW. These reports are the only means your National Council have of knowing what the Daughters are doing in the way of carrying out their Vow of Prayer and Service—don't lay the report blank aside and forget it—send it in promptly, it is important.

By the time this reaches you the annual Spring Meeting of the National Council of the Order scheduled for May 21-24 at Seabury House, Greenwich, Conn., will have been held, at which time, the theme, dates, and other tangible plans relative to the Triennial Convention, 1952, will be decided. Watch for these plans in the Fall issue—Pray for God's blessing on our efforts in preparation and carrying out of these plans and, that this Convention may be the most inspirational and lastingly uplifting we have so far ever known.

Again we have the joy and privilege of reporting newly formed chapters—five in all—three Seniors and two Juniors. The Senior chapters are: Christ Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, Diocese West Missouri; St. Luke's, Fort Myers, Florida, Diocese South Florida; St. James', Minneapolis, Diocese Minnesota; Junior chapters: Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta, Georgia, Diocese Atlanta; St. Paul's, Augusta, Georgia, Diocese Georgia. To each we send cordial greetings and best wishes for every joy and blessing in your work for the extension of His Kingdom.

LILLIAN JANET SOPER



## GREETINGS FROM HONOLULU

555 Kapahulu Ave.  
Honolulu 56, T. H.  
January, 1951

My Dear Friends:

I had hoped this year, as I do every year, to send a Christmas letter to all my friends, but I left it until late in November, which is fatal. I ought to know better by now. By then, Christmas was almost upon us and that, and other things crowded out the Christmas greeting you were all to get. However, I do hope and pray that the coming year may bring peace and a better understanding to the whole world and many blessings to each one of you.

Early in December our Auxiliary held its annual bazaar. When we started in the morning we wondered if we would have any customers at all. It poured rain most of the day and besides that the Roman Catholic Church not far away was having a three day carnival, with big prizes to be given away all at the same time. As usual, everyone at St. Mark's, both young and old, helped in some way or other. For instance, our Junior Club children, ages twelve to fourteen, sold about forty pounds of cocoanut candy and fudge and one hundred and fifty candied apples, all of which were made by the girls. The boys helped in this project by climbing the very tall trees for cocoanuts and then hulling and shredding them. The two best selling items as always, were the useful articles of clothing and the good homemade food . . . Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian and American. We had many attractive children's dresses and other lovely things made from materials which some of you sent us. I am asked to convey to you the very sincere thanks of our Woman's Auxiliary for these pretty cottons and trimmings. We only wished that we had had time to use up the many scraps which came to me, but we just didn't. A good many of our mothers have to work to help the family income keep step with the rising cost of living besides trying to keep the family and home in order. I sometimes marvel that they are so willing to give so much time to cleaning the church each week, sewing, singing, in the choir, teaching church school and many other things. So

you can easily understand how we would use the larger pieces first and hope to have time for the scraps later. Perhaps this year we may have time to make something of them for they make ideal little gifts of various kinds. I think the most useful package that came to me was one from a diocese to which each chapter had contributed one piece of pretty cotton with trimming large enough to make one useful article of clothing. Each piece was wrapped with the name of the chapter on it and all sent together. There were many others too without which we could not have made the very substantial contribution of more than \$1,000.00 to the Church Building Fund. We shall be grateful indeed again for your help in this way. We are already thinking of our next bazaar and are hoping to get started on our new church within a year. The plans for it have already been drawn and we have more than half of the necessary funds.

Since last writing you I have moved into the lovely new apartment which was built over the parish office and kitchen. It has a living room, bedroom, kitchen, shower and a small porch all built in such a way as to catch any breeze that may be stirring. In fact these last few days we have been almost blown away. I am so thankful to be so near the church and 555 Kapahulu Ave. will be my address for some time I hope.

I did appreciate your lovely Christmas cards and letters which some of you sometimes find time to write, and the various other ways in which you have helped with the work here at St. Mark's Mission. Certainly, the missionary work of the Church could hardly go on without such hands and hearts as yours. I also must not close without telling you all how very grateful I am to each one of you for making it possible for me to have an increase in salary during 1950. I know that my salary comes from your Self-Denial Fund and I hope and pray that I may be a worthy instrument of your generous hearts.

This brings my most affectionate greetings to you all. Please write when you have time.

Sincerely yours,  
ELDA SMITH

**From The Editor's Notebook**

Summer is here again and with it come many summer conferences for church work.

These conferences are invaluable, for they train leaders to meet the problems of average people in average parishes.

It is to be hoped that we shall have many of our members represented in all conferences.

"If it is necessary the Church of Christ can live without parish houses, organs, or even church buildings, but it cannot go forward without trained leaders."—Bishop Lawrence.

We rejoice with the Christ Church Chapter of the Daughters of the King, Port Stanley, Ontario, over their splendid achievement.

I would like to share with you an excerpt from a letter received from their rector, the Rev. H. R. Rokeby-Thomas: "I find our Daughters of the King Chapter here such a great help in the spiritual work of the parish. The cottages are of course a special enterprise, but it has not been allowed by the chapter here to overshadow the importance of the day by day opportunities for God's service. Recently one of our members made a banner for our Servers Guild."

It is later than you think—so begin—NOW to plan your exhibit for the Triennial. I would draw your attention to the Chairman of Exhibits request. Every chapter can do something—Begin NOW.

We are so proud of our Juniors, and I only wish we could afford more space for the Junior Messenger.

In this issue we are indebted to our National Junior Chairman, Miss Grace Brisbane, for the splendid article written by the Rev. Mr. Yates, Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I am sure Juniors and Seniors will benefit by reading "Life's Great Adventure."

May God's Blessing be on your vacation days giving you courage, strength and refreshment to carry on your various tasks.

C. A. S.

**"GIVE CHRIST YOUR CONFIDENCE AND HE WILL GIVE YOU HIS COURAGE"**

**About The Royal Cross**

To help the National Office to help the printers keep their list in order—it will be appreciated if members will send in their changes of address before these date deadlines: April 23, July 23, October 23 and January 23. To all who have done this our sincere thanks.

**A FURTHER WORD ABOUT THE ROYAL CROSS**

Please report failure to receive your copy to the National Office and attention will be given.

To help avoid duplication of names in file please follow the custom of using one filing of name: As Mrs. George Smith, or Mrs. M. E. Jones and not Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, and Mrs. Martha Jones, as the address may be different, and we may not know it is the same person.

**"HONOR ROLL"**

- 1890 Mrs. S. E. Holmes
- 1891 Miss L. Ganser  
Mrs. Jackle
- 1894 Mrs. G. Stewart
- 1897 Mrs. F. Barlow  
Miss L. Brenneman  
Miss A. L. Kuhls  
Mrs. E. W. Fraga  
Mrs. J. F. Jones  
Mrs. E. P. Barcroft
- 1899 Mrs. D. Schmitt
- 1895 Mrs. J. D. Wright  
For new listing
- 1896 Miss Roberta Lee Ditty
- 1896 Mrs. Lydia Herbst
- 1897 Mrs. Frank Hollis  
Miss Jane Rives  
Miss Margaret Schritz
- 1900 Mrs. Rebecca H. Hickey  
Mrs. Genie M. Burdine  
Miss Mary T. Porter  
Miss Bertha C. Baumann  
Miss Minnie E. Brazos  
January 22, 1951

**A THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

At low tide there are multitudes of separated pools along the shore. At high tide they are brought together, and the little distinctions are lost in the splendid union of the powerful flood.

—National Conference of Christians and Jews

### We Can Do It

Under "from the Editor's Note Book" on page 19 in the Spring number of the Royal Cross, you will find that the Editor feels doubtful that the Exhibits for the 1952 Convention in Hartford, Connecticut, can equal that of the San Francisco Convention."

Well, whether they will or will not, depends on You, and You, and You. With interest and effort there is no reason why the 1952 Exhibit can not be as successful as that in San Francisco. Will you, beginning now write to the Exhibits Chairman, telling her anything and everything that your organization has done, are doing, or expect to do to help promote a successful Exhibit. All who are willing and can contribute articles to be exhibited, will be given specific instructions as to where and when to send the articles.

MRS. JOHN W. POTTER  
1072A Farmington Ave.,  
West Hartford, Conn.

President of St. James's Chapter,  
West Hartford, and Chairman of the Exhibits.

### IN MEMORIAM

We wish to report the death of Miss Alma S. Osterberg, who organized our Chapter at the Church of the Incarnation, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1934.

Miss Osterberg, a school-teacher, spent many summers as a missionary in Labrador, carrying on the work of Dr. Wilfred Grenfell. She also supported a mission in Dornakal, India, for many years. After her retirement from teaching she made her home in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she died, June 27, 1950.

In her memory the members of the Alma S. Osterberg Chapter sent a contribution to the Endowment Fund of the Daughters of the King. Two of our members recently spent four months in England and Wales where they selected a sterling silver ciborium. This we have presented to the Church of The Incarnation as a Lasting memorial to our beloved leader, Alma S. Osterberg.

Though we are a small chapter, at present only six active members, we mean to carry on and do all we can "For His Sake." ELENORA SMART

### The Endowment Fund

In 1928 at Triennial held at Washington, D. C., a resolution was adopted which directed the National Council of the Order of the Daughters of the King to make plans for establishing an Endowment Fund. It was thought that the Fund could support a Field Worker. The Fund has been growing steadily since that time, but it still is not large enough to warrant a Field Worker, who could be working for the extension of Christ's Kingdom and thus be a Living Memorial to the memory of our dear departed in whose memory the gift is given.

As an Order, we are not allowed to make money for the Order's objectives. The Fund must grow through voluntary gifts. A memorial Foundation is Twenty-five dollars or more. It may start with a gift of five dollars and be completed in five years. Chapters desiring to honor departed members or friends may send a gift of one dollar or more, such names will be inscribed in the Book of Remembrance, which is kept in the archives of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in the city and Diocese of Washington, D. C. At each Triennial Assembly of the Order the Book is placed on the Altar at the time of the Corporate Communion Service in loving memory of those who have entered eternal life.

The Committee appreciates the cooperation of the Diocesan Chairman in promoting the interest of the Chapters in making gifts in memory of loved ones who have entered the higher life. The Chairman of the Committee deems it a privilege to serve; she asks that the delay in answering letters promptly be forgiven because there must be frequent rests to her right arm and eye, she also asks that complete information accompany the gifts so that full credit may be given to the donor of gifts. Information such as Name, Daughter or Friend, name of Chapter, Parish and Diocese together with the Donor is very important when making a gift, also the name and address of the person sending in the gift so that acknowledgement may be made. May the Fund continue to grow so that Christ's Kingdom may spread into the whole world.

MRS. GLORIANA M. BAYLY,  
National Chairman.

## St. Mark's Chapter San Antonio

Request was made in the Spring issue of the Royal Cross for news of work done by chapters. As it has been a long time since St. Mark's, San Antonio, has sent in any news, this story is being written. St. Mark's Chapter, San Antonio, has increased in membership in the last few years. Many are teachers in the Public Schools and find here an opportunity for work in the church. Unlike other parish groups the Chapter meets twice a month, once in the parish house for Bible Class and business and once in homes of members with several acting as hostesses. At these meetings some speaker gives an address on some subject of vital interest. For the last program a talk was given on China by one recently returned and familiar with our work there. The Chapter works with other parish groups in parish activities; with city chapters in visiting county institutions and with the diocese in work with the Latin Americans, the Mission of the Good Samaritan. Some of the members do clerical work both at the parish office and at the diocesan center. The altar flowers are taken regularly to the sick and at Easter these visits numbered 44. Of course all share in the regularly appointed gifts of the Daughters of the King and in the United Thank Offering, in which they are often the largest givers. For constructive criticism I would desire that the attendance at the Corporate Communion might be of larger proportion and that more of the members read church periodicals other than the diocesan news. A Chapter which is informed on the work of the Church in the world is an ideal and as to Corporate Communion, the BODY, that is the chapter, is strong, as it is nourished by the Bread of Life.

"The greatest need of the Church is not more laity, but better instructed laity. Nothing would strengthen the Church more than an increase in the number of its laity who are able to bear intelligent witness to their faith. No effort should be spared to build up in every parish a band of laymen and laywomen who are not only devoted to the Church, but who can give an intelligent reason for their membership."

—Dr. C. F. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

## Diocese of West Texas

### DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The thirty-first annual Assembly of the Daughters of the King in West Texas was held in Christ Church, San Antonio, on January 27, immediately preceding the meeting of the Diocesan Council. The Rev. Samuel Capers, Rector of the Parish, was Celebrant at the service of Holy Communion and gave a meditation on the Temptations of Jesus. A luncheon followed with presidents of other groups as guests. In the afternoon the business session was called to order by the diocesan president, Mrs. Leslie Ballard. The Junior Chapter of Christ Church gave the devotional. Reports of chapters and officers followed and Bishop Jones closed the session with his blessing after he had given a brief talk on religious reading. "The Adventure of Prayer" by Donald J. Campbell, Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles, is being used as the Bishop's Book for Lent in West Texas.

### QUIET DAY

The Daughters of the King in the Diocese of West Texas have for several years arranged a Quiet Day for Women at Camp Capers on Wednesday in Holy Week. This year four meditations were led by Bishop Jones based on psalm forty-six.

## Diocese of Texas

The 31st Annual Assembly of the Daughters of the King was held at Trinity Church, Galveston, Texas, on Saturday, January 20, 1951, with twenty-eight delegates and fifty members present, representing ten chapters, with the Reverend Benjamin Eaton chapter as hostess.

An inspirational meditation was given by the Rev. Claxton Munro on the subject of "Faith in Jesus Christ." He said, "There has been a universal feeling through the ages that forgiveness is accomplished through sacrifice. Forgiveness is accomplished through Christ on the Cross. In Christ, we have perfect unrequited love."

The Rev. Robt. T. Gibson gave a challenging address on "The Extension of the Kingdom of Christ Through Objective Living." He asked, "How many have brought someone to church and to Confirmation during this last year?" He said, "Each of us must have a personal sense of responsibility to spread Christ's Kingdom in order to combat the forces of evil."

YE SERVANTS OF THE KING  
 Just pause a moment and remember one thing—  
 That God in Heaven is your Father and King.  
 It is into His palace you are about to go,  
 To sing His praises from here below.  
 Worship means to give God His full worth, you know,  
 So will the condition of your vestments much love show?  
 Or is it soiled and wrinkled, fastened with a pin,  
 Which reflects the lack of love in your heart for Him?  
 The big idea of wearing vestments in church, you see  
 Is that, regardless of economics, each servant neat may be  
 When they serve before the earthly throne of Christ, their King,  
 And for His many blessings their joyful thanks do sing.  
 Now look carefully at your vestments and see, if you find  
 That they show you hung them neatly when you left them behind.  
 If they should betray your carelessness, extremely bad and lazy way,  
 Please, keep them clean, hang them neatly up, beginning today!

GRACE M. BRISBANE

Editor's Note: Miss Brisbane said she composed this poem to encourage choir members and acolytes to handle vestments a little more carefully.

### "I'll Send What I Can"

A young member of St. Stephen's Parish, Cincinnati, is with the Armed Forces in Korea. Recently he sent a check for his pledge, plus amounts for Easter and Christmas offerings. He wrote: "The closer I get to the fighting the more I realize that this and any war, is just a delaying action, a fight for time, until Christianity wins the real fight in the hearts of men. That's the only fight that will ever end in peace on earth. . . . The only way I can see that this battle can be won is by each person giving of his time and ability and money to help in the fight. So since I can't be there to help, I'll send what I can."

### Christ Church Daughters of the King Cottages

PORT STANLEY, ONTARIO  
 TO THE GLORY OF GOD AS RENT  
 FREE HOMES FOR AGED PEOPLE  
 AND WIDOWS WITH CHILDREN

*Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive.—ACTS 20.*

The plan for this cottage project was made in 1948 by the Christ Church, Port Stanley, Chapter of the Daughters of the King, to provide rent-free cottages for suitable aged people. Part of the necessary funds are derived from a bequest made in 1914 for the purpose, and have been further supplemented by public subscription since 1948, which is still continuing as more funds will be necessary to complete the work. Building is now going on with the centre two cottages of the projected block of four. The first two cottages are to be named, *Morgan Cottage* (in memory of Miss Ellen Morgan, who made the bequest referred to), and *Downie Cottage*, in memory of Canon John Downie (Rector of Christ Church, Port Stanley 1905-15 and an executor of Miss Morgan's will.)

The entire work of construction so far has been contributed on a voluntary basis by members and friends of Christ Church, Port Stanley, and a number of business firms have given generous discounts on some of the materials. The additional funds now needed are to purchase more materials and furnishings, and to build two more cottages.

### 60th ANNIVERSARY

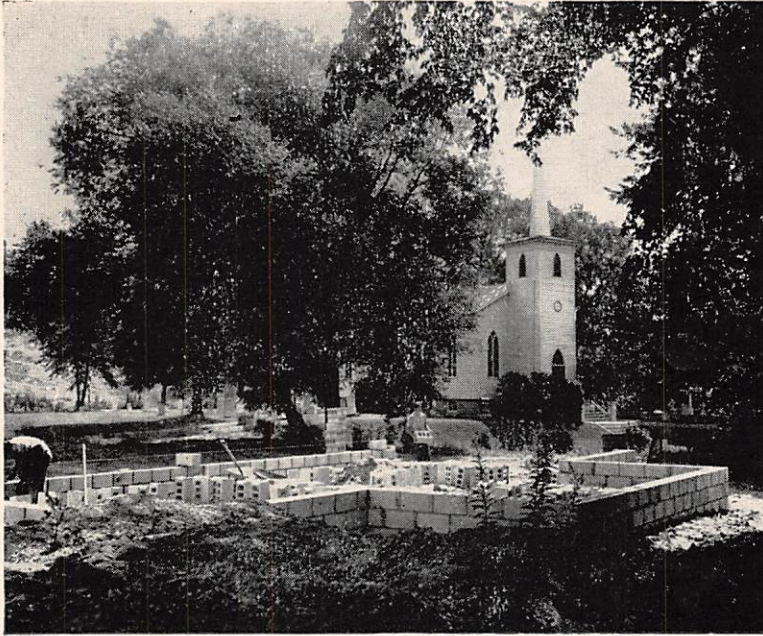
The 60th Anniversary of the founding of the St. Cecelia Chapter of the Daughters of the King of Christ Church, West Haven, Connecticut, was observed at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Daisy Almquist.

Honor guests were Mrs. William T. Swift and Mrs. William Brown, who were among the charter members in 1891 and are still active members.

The West Haven Chapter is the oldest in the Diocese of Connecticut, having been founded in 1891.

Also present at the luncheon were Mrs. Thomas J. Shannon of Pine Orchard, past President of the National Council and editor of the Royal Cross and Mrs. Marion Wilson, Diocesan President, and the Rev. Robert D. Martin, rector of Christ Church.

*"Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"—1 St. John 3.*



*Commencing the foundation, August, 1950*  
(Photo, London Free Press.)



*Construction—December, 1950*  
(Photo, Sqdn-Ldr. J. T. L. Lowe.)

## LIFE'S GREAT ADVENTURE

The most distinctive characteristic of youth is the spirit of adventure. Youth and adventure are inseparable from one another. The life of young people is permeated with it. It is necessarily so. The world is completely new to them. They must venture out if they are ever to know it. There are many new continents for them to explore and claim for themselves by right of discovery. Youth is a time of bold venturesomeness, of the thrill of braving the unknown, of the joy of meeting exciting new experiences.

I once rode in a taxi from Hendersonville, N. C., to Kanuga Lake with a group of girls who were going to camp for the first time. When we turned off the highway into the road that led to camp, the girls suddenly became very quiet. Finally one of them burst out, "I'm scared to death!" Yet I knew that you couldn't have paid her to turn around and go home for any amount of money, that she wouldn't have been anywhere else for the world.

The spirit of adventure sends boys into athletics. They may lose, they may get hurt, they may fail and not make the team; but they go out and strive with all of their might. A girl's entrance into social life is a great adventure. Going to her first dance or big party takes daring. She runs the risk of being a wall-flower, of not being a success.

This is one reason why Christianity has always made such a great appeal to youth. The peak points of conversion to Christianity are the 'teen ages. Christianity is the greatest adventure of all. It involves the greatest risk, a complete risk. "Who-soever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall save it." One of the best definitions of faith is "betting your life that there is a God." There is security in the Christian religion, the only real security, but the only way to get it is to throw your life away. You take a tremendous chance, because you can never be sure in advance whether the promised result will follow or not. We must give up mammon before we can know God; we must sacrifice self before we can receive Christ; we must renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil before we can win our soul's salvation. Christians must stand ready to sacrifice anything they have for their faith. From the beginning

until now, they have been willing to run any risk—the loss of pleasure, comfort, possessions, job, home, family, freedom, even life itself—in order to be true to Christ and His principles.

A few years ago there was a terrific storm off Cape Hatteras on the North Carolina coast and a ship was wrecked. The coast guardsmen prepared to launch a boat and go out in the face of tremendous odds to rescue the crew. Their relatives and friends lined the shore and pleaded with them not to risk it. "You'll never come back!" they cried. "Don't go out; you'll never come back!" As they pushed off into the pounding surf, the leader cupped his hands to his mouth so he could be heard above the roar of the storm and shouted back, "We don't have to come back!" That is the only spirit in which Christianity can be lived.

But some of you may be thinking, "What's adventurous about being a Christian? There's nothing exciting about going to Sunday School and church and young people's meeting on Sunday. What's dangerous about saying your prayers and reading the Bible at night and trying to be good all of the time? There's no risk in that; just the opposite, it's pretty tame. What chances do you take in serving Christ?"

If you are going to be His true follower, you'll find it risky many times. Is it easy to say your prayers every night? Maybe so, when you're alone in your own room at home, though even there you'll have difficulties to overcome. But suppose you're spending the night out with friends, or on a trip with a crowd, or at camp; and bedtime comes; and none of the others have knelt down to say their prayers, and you wonder if they are going to, and what they will think of you if you do. That takes a little courage, but it is a real witness to Christ that a genuine Christian will make.

I knew a boy who went off to school, and at the University he was placed in a large dormitory room with eight other boys. On the first night, the time came when if he had been at home he would have gotten down on his knees and said his prayers. None of the other boys had done it. So he had a battle with himself, whether he would risk going ahead and

saying his prayers as usual or just say them in bed or skip them. Finally he got down and said them, as he knew he should. No one else said his prayers that night. But the next night a couple of other boys said their prayers, and soon some others were doing it.

Is reading the Bible every night so easy? Regardless of how sleepy and tired you are? I knew a boy in college who read his Bible every night, no matter how late he came in—and he was very socially inclined, too. A high school girl at a house party at the beach told her date one night that it was time for her to go in. He asked why, saying it was still early. She answered, "I always read a chapter of the Bible every night before I go to bed." The boy looked at her in amazement. She was the most popular girl on the house party; she was liked all the better for it by the boys, and what's more, they respected her. Yet some girls would think that was taking a big chance.

Going to Sunday School and church every Sunday is not hard when we feel fresh, and it's a pretty day, and we have a new dress to wear, or there's someone there that we want to see. But suppose we got in mighty late last night, and we're tired and sleepy, and it's raining? Then we must embark on an adventure that is life-long and will take all the fortitude we have—the adventure of self-mastery. For "greater is he that conquers himself than he that takes a city."

This is all told in the story of how St. Christopher got his name. There was a brave soldier in the olden days named Offerus. It was Offerus' life ambition to serve the greatest king on earth. He sought until he found the greatest king and then followed him. But one day as he followed his king through the forest, he saw him do a strange thing. He saw the king turn aside and kneel in worship at a wayside shrine. After they resumed their march, Offerus stepped up beside his leader and asked, "O king, who was that to whom you bent the knee?" "That was the greatest King of all," he replied. So Offerus left his former master and served Christ. He stationed himself beside a ford in a swift stream across which there was a church, and with his great stature he was able to carry travelers over on his back in order that they, too, might worship his King. One night there had been a heavy

rain and the stream was swollen and turbulent. Offerus was hoping that no one would come to be carried over that night, because it would be exceedingly hard to get through. As he was thus musing, a child stood before him and asked to be taken across. Offerus hesitated. He knew how dangerous it would be. But he had never refused to take anyone over yet. So he picked up the child on his shoulders and plunged into the stream. As he got out into the main part of the river, he found that the current was even stronger than he had suspected. It took all of his strength to keep from being swept off his feet. And something else happened that was very strange. The farther he went, the heavier the child became. Yet he struggled ahead, and finally staggered out and fell exhausted on the other bank. And suddenly the Child was transfigured and looked upon him and said, "Thy name is Offerus. From henceforth thou shalt be called Christopher," which means in Greek, "Christbearer."

May we also be bold adventurers for Christ, and by bearing burdens in His service, receive His presence and power, in this life and the life to come.

REV. DAVID YATES

#### NO ONE SPOKE TO THEM

It is reported that a young couple, having moved to a new community, attended one of the local Episcopal churches on their first Sunday. No one spoke to them. They returned to the same church the following two Sundays and still no one greeted them. Their first reaction was to try another church. Further discussion changed their minds. They reasoned that, if that particular church was lacking in fellowship, their work was cut out for them. They would become communicants of that church and use their influence to make it a friendly parish.

It is one thing to stand on the side lines and criticize. It is another thing to use talent to rectify a situation. In every parish there are areas of activity and leadership that call for the particular training and experience of some lay person. The use of these talents broadens the program of the parish and increases its effectiveness.

## THE SECRET GARDEN OF THE SOUL

BY FREDERICK WARD KATES

Francis Underhill, the late Bishop of Bath and Wells, has written:

"It is the will of God for us that in the world's most crowded street, in the din of life, when the rush and hurry are at their most intense, in joy or sorrow, in love or in bereavement, in all that makes up our outer and inner life, we should have a place of retirement, a permanent retreat, ever at hand for renewal and peace. It is God's will for us that we should possess an Interior Castle, against which the storms of life may beat without being able to disturb the serene quiet within; a spiritual life so firm and so secure that nothing can overthrow it."

That we may possess such an Interior Castle and that we may come to have with the passing of the years an inner life so strong and stable that nothing can shake it, we would press the towering importance of our having, or finding, or creating, at all risks and at all costs, each one of us, a secret garden of the soul.

"Every soul that is truly alive has a garden of which no other holds the key," Evelyn Herman has written, and so we believe—a secret garden all one's own into which we may slip at will seeking relief from the stress of life and the babel of many voices, therein to enjoy an interval of quiet communion alone with God. Such a haven and refuge, such a sanctuary and retreat, is surely these days every man's urgent need, if he would know "serene quiet within" and would live calmly and happily through troublous times. By all means, then use Senancour's words. "Let us keep our silent sanctuaries: for in them the eternal perspectives are preserved."

To such a secret garden of the soul's communion with God some of us will want to go too often and in it some of us will want to linger too long. This is a temptation peace-loving souls must fight, for the garden's refreshing solitude can easily become an enervating narcotic. It is all too easy to use the garden as a place of escape from the pressures and struggles, the burning questions and searching issues, which harass the soul out on life's highway. It is all too easy when one is in the garden to be sweet and gentle in spirit, kind and forgiving, gracious and forbearing, and all that one aspires to be, but is not in the

turmoil and heat and burden of everyday life.

While there is this danger that some of us may want to linger too long in the garden or visit it too often, I think the danger for most people nowadays is that they are all too likely to neglect this quiet place. To walk with God in the garden in the cool of day seems to many a contemporary, a misuse or a sheer waste of time when there is so much to be done. Indeed, for most people today there is no cool of day—it is always sweltering high noon. We race and rush and pant and toil; we work feverishly beyond our strength only to burn out our life's quota of energy and die too soon. Social engagements and business activities clutter our days and consume our strength. The call of the world with its multitudinous things to do is forever dinning in our ears. In short, to quote Wordsworth's lines:

The World is too much with us: late and soon,  
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers:

There is the real possibility, of course, that many have never felt the necessity for such a garden. For such persons we have but one word of counsel: find one, make one; for without a secret garden of the soul's communion with God, properly used, we cannot live richly or, as the religious man views life, at all.

Hours spent in the garden of quiet fellowship with God disclose to ourselves the full measure of our artificiality, our superficiality, and our terrifying lack of that vital power we know we must possess if we are to live successfully, with courage, and with cheer. Hence we urge, in the words of George Herbert:

By all means use some time to be alone.  
Salute thy self: see what thy soul doth wear.

Dare to look in thy chest; for 'tis thine own:

And tumble up and down what thou find'st there.

Neglecting to have and to use a secret garden of the soul means we are not taking time to know ourselves and find out what sort of persons we really are. So, use the garden, we advise, as a means of getting to know yourself, lest adverse circumstance

some day reveals you to yourself as far less the man you believed yourself to be.

Secondly, if we neglect the secret garden of the soul we deprive ourselves of the opportunity to build up a reservoir of spiritual strength which some day, in all likelihood, we shall desperately need. Few sights are more heart-rending to behold than a person floundering in a sea of emptiness and despair when trouble comes, because he did not build up in fairer days a reserve of spiritual capital upon which he could draw when need should come. In vain such a person seeks to pray. His words are idle words tossed upwards into a vacant and glassy sky. He turns to lean as it were on the shoulder of God, and suddenly finds he is not at all acquainted with man's Divine Friend to whom now in his soul's distress he turns for solace and for strength. Now in the hour of his most poignant need, he finds, to his amazement and chagrin, that he has neither spiritual resources nor knowledge of how to secure strength from the invisible whence the religious man ever obtains grace and comfort for his need.

That such may not one day be our case we urge a return to such everyday devotional practices as a regular quiet-time for the reading of religious writings, for Bible study, for meditation, and for prayer. Spiritual resources are built up over the course of the years: they are not something we can go into a store and purchase over a counter all neatly packed and wrapped in cellophane.

The final result of neglecting to have and to use a secret garden of the soul will be the obvious one of depriving ourselves of the opportunity of getting to know our Lord and of being known of Him.

To spend hours of quiet companionship in the garden where the disciple meets and walks and talks and prays with his Lord is one of the precious privileges of the Christian life. If we know the things that belong to our peace, we shall create without delay such a secret garden for our soul's communion with God.

Inscribed on a plaque in an old garden wall in England are the following words: Men go to their garden for pleasure;

Go, thou, to thy garden for prayer:

The Lord walks in the cool of the evening  
With those who seek sanctuary there.

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## Diocese of Washington

The Winter Assembly of the Daughters of the King of the Diocese of Washington was held January 25 at the Church of the Epiphany with 90 in attendance. The Rev. Warren Mace, assistant rector who gave the instructions, chose for his subject the motto of the Order, emphasizing the last two lines, "What I ought to do, by the Grace of God, I will do. Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do," he said in part. "There are two things involved; first, the importance of God's will; second, the importance of our own witness; that is our own personal living. In regard to the importance of God's will it can be said that man's will without God's guidance is not to be trusted. Men seek God's guidance when they come to themselves. In the case of the Prodigal Son he said to his father, "And I am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants." We should dwell on the word "thy" as being important. God's place is in the forefront of the world's planning and God's will never ceases to be important for men and above all for Christian men and women. The second point is that of witnessing in Christian living. It is a mistake to say we do not count for very much. When we say this we are thinking of great numbers of people around us. We are forgetting the number of things through prayer that we can accomplish and bring about which is of endless value in God's sight if we choose to have it so. We forget that one with God is a majority, that while by ourselves we seem very small, a number of individuals together can make a very big impact on the world. The Christian movement started with a group of twelve but they did not forget an important thing, they did not forget the great value of God's guidance and His will. It took them a little time to see this but when they did, things began to happen. Perhaps we need once again to remember the importance of God's will in the affairs of the world and to remember that our witness counts for a great deal if we choose to have it so.

MARION B. LINDEN  
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Those who have sought and found God,  
never ask, "Is life worth living?"

## THE JUNIOR MESSENGER

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Dear Girls,

I am not certain that many of you are aware of just what I do for a living, but I would like you all to know. We hope that you all have been told that there is such a thing as full time professional women workers in the Episcopal Church. There are many different kinds of work done by them after several years of training, and my particular field is parish education or a D.C.E. (Director of Christian Education) as we are referred to.

The last of January our young people cooperated with the other churches in our city on our annual Youth Week Program. We always have some outstanding minister as a speaker for several nights, and this year it was our great pleasure to have our Episcopal Minister from Chapel Hill, N. C., The Rev. David Yates of the Diocese of North Carolina.

The Rev. Mr. Yates has had much experience in working with young people in his diocese as well as at the well-known Kanuga Conferences. Well, Mr. Yates took the youth of our city by storm, and gave them five very inspiring plain, and helpful talks. The talks made such a hit with our young people that your editor asked The Rev. Yates if he would write up the first one for you girls. This Mr. Yates very graciously did. However, it could not appear in full on the Junior Messenger page, so Mrs. Shannon, our editor, kindly offered to have it printed in the Senior section.

### SO PLEASE READ! *LIFE'S GREAT ADVENTURE*

By  
The Rev. David Yates

### THE CHURCH

'Tis sweeter far to me  
To walk together to the kirk  
With a goodly company!

To walk together to the kirk,  
And all together pray,  
While each to his great Father bends,  
Old men, and babes, and loving friends,  
And youths and maidens gay!

—from *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*  
by Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1798)

### It Is Time Again

Summer Vacation is here or just about to begin for most of you. What do your plans for the summer include? Are you giving some of it to attendance at your Church Camp or Summer Conference?

If your diocese doesn't have a camp or Conference, maybe you can attend one in another Diocese near by. Then what about those Parish Vacation Schools? Have you senior girls offered your help and services?

Let's not close the door on our Church life and service during the summer but use that extra free time to work even more for Our Master.

This summer would be a very good time for you to make your plans for the next year's work, so that you will know just what you are going to do. Also it is not too early to begin work on your chapter's display for our Convention in the Fall of 1952.

Invest the summer-time well rather than just let it dwindle as the days pass.

### A Suggestion

Baby Sitters are provided for parents who attend Confirmation classes at St. Andrew's Church, Amarillo, Texas. The Rev. Symthe H. Lindsay, D.D., Editor of the Episcopal Church Times, is rector.

Baby Sitters during regular Church services are fairly commonplace, but this Confirmation class idea seems like a "first."

Perpetual inspiration is as necessary to the life of goodness, holiness and happiness as perpetual respiration is necessary to animal life.  
—William Law

### BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
may the Lord lift up the light of His countenance and be gracious unto you;  
may the Lord be with you in all your going out and coming in; in your labor and in your leisure, in your laughter and in your tears, until you come to stand before Him in the day in which there is no sunset and no dawn. Amen.

—Studdert Kennedy.

## Well Done, Juniors!

In January 1950 seven girls from St. Matthew's began their probation period of three months for the Junior Daughters of the King under the leadership of Mrs. Merritt Anderson and Mrs. O. V. Calhoun, who also served a period of probation for admission to the Daughters of the King. The seven charter members—Thea Borgmann, Mary Lou Calhoun, Sandra Gaughan, Connie Hester, Eunice Hester, Pat Stafford and Phyllis Waybright—and the sponsors, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Calhoun, were admitted to the Order of the Daughters of the King during the 11:00 service on Sunday, March 26, 1950. This is the only Junior Daughters' chapter in Nebraska.

The Junior Daughters of the King of St. Matthew's meet every other Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00. The first part of the meeting is a devotional and work period followed by a short social hour. The devotional and work period usually consists of a special devotional service, Bible study, a period of instruction, and often a study of the seasons of the Church year. The officers are: President, Pat Stafford; secretary, Eunice Hester; treasurer, Mary Lou Calhoun. A corporate communion is held the second Sunday of each month. Following the service we prepare and have our breakfast together in the parish house.

Some of our projects of last winter and spring included waiting tables at the annual pancake supper, helping with altar care, making palm crosses, selling stationery for the Lenten boxes for the Church School, assisting at the Church School parties, making table decorations for the Annual Church School Birthday Party, collecting dimes for the Epiphany Mission at each meeting, making and giving a dozen dish towels to the Parish House kitchen, and painting the nursery furniture.

In October, 1950, seven more girls began their probation period, and were admitted to the Order at the 11:00 service January 21, 1951. This fall we sent three boxes to the Indian Girls' school in Springfield, South Dakota. We helped decorate the Church School Christmas tree, wrapped gifts and sacked candy for their party. We have addressed cards for the Women's Council, made scrapbooks for the Orthopedic Hospital and are now working on

stencils of the Symbols of the Church Seasons to be used on the windows of the kindergarten and nursery. One of our girls teaches a Sunday School class, another sings in the choir, one has charge of the 11:00 nursery, two take turns at the 11:00 primary group, one president of the Young Peoples' group. Every girl tries to remember and live up to the motto of the Order:—

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything; but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?”

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) PAT STAFFORD  
President

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## LOGIC

What's the good of being clever

If we are not also kind?

Does it matter being lovely

If we are not sweet of mind?

Where's the sense in great possessions

If we do not share them round?

Or of loving very deeply

If, by jealousy we're bound?

What's the use of being charming

If our charm is not sincere?

Unless we help our fellows,

What's the use of being here?

—Kathleen Partridge

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## SUCCESS

Success in life should mean the aptitude for making friends. The laughter and the sympathy you've given when daylight ends. The good that you accomplish and the blessings that you share, the courage you have shown in driving out fear and despair.

I often wonder how “success” is counted up above. God does not deal in money but He balances with love.

—Kathleen Partridge

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General Omar Bradley, Chief of Staff of the Army and famous war commander, recently said: “We have too many men of science; we have too few men of God. We have solved the mystery of the atom; we know too little about the Sermon on the Mount. We know how to make war; we do not know how to make peace!”

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