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Whosoever is a devout lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful bright Festival. And whosoever is a grateful servant, let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord. And if any be weary with fasting, let him now receive his penny. If any have toiled from the first hour, let him receive his due reward. If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast. And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any have delayed to the ninth hour, let him not hesitate, but let him come too. And he that hath arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay; for the Lord is gracious and receiveth the last even as the first. He giveth rest to him that cometh at the eleventh hour as well as him that hath toiled from the first. Yea, to this one, he giveth and upon that one, he bestoweth. He accepteth works, as he greteth the endeavor. The deed he honoreth and the intention he commendeth.

Let all then enter in to the joy of our Lord. Ye first and last receiving alike your reward, ye rich and poor, rejoice together. Ye sober and ye slothful, celebrate the day. Ye that have kept the fast and ye that have not, rejoice today; for the Table is richly laden. Fare ye royally on it. The calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake ye all of the cup of faith. Enjoy ye all the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve at his poverty; for the universal kingdom hath been revealed.

Let no one mourn that he hath fallen again and again; for forgiveness hath risen from the grave. Let no one fear death; for the Death of our Saviour hath set us free. He hath destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled Hades when he descended thereto. He vexed it even as it tasted of his flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, "Thou, O hell, hast been vexed by encountering him below. It is vexed; for it is even done away with. It is vexed; for it is made a mockery. It is vexed; for it is destroyed. It is vexed; for it is annihilated. It is vexed; for it is now made captive. It took a body, and lo, it discovered God. It took earth, and, behold! it encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen, and thou art annihilated. Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life is liberated. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those that have fallen asleep. To him be glory and power for ever and ever." AMEN

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Dear Daughters:

I should like to extend to all of you my sincere and humble thanks for your loyalty to the Order and to me, during the past three years in which I served as your President. I appreciate your confidence in the accomplishments made, and your affording me the privilege and experience of serving a second term of office. I again ask your cooperation and your prayers which have meant much to me in carrying out my duties to the Order. Hopefully I will have a little more time to carry out many plans laid by the Convention and Council, since I am semi-retired. There is yet much to be done in the office with some legal matters and other research, due to our Charter make-up. I plan to spend a few days in the office each month with Gladys Norris, in hopes we can continue to find ways to lighten the work and keep to deadlines of many required dates.

By now you have all read, or heard reports, of our WONDERFUL Triennial Convention in Louisville. You will be hearing what went on for a long time—for much was accomplished. A newly elected Council is hard at work preparing for the annual Council meeting in April. We will miss those members who are no longer on the Council, but we know we have their prayers and support in many ways. We also know they are doing their continued work in their chapters, dioceses and provinces. Triennial had hardly been dismissed when our Committee Chairmen had their members—some new and some who have served before, planning work for these next three years. This was very encouraging and the results have already begun to be fruitful.

It is important that each of us continue to try to increase our membership, as it has increased in the past three years. It is important to the life of the Order and the spiritual life of the Women and Girls—and to the whole Church.

I have attended one meeting of the PEWSACTION at the home of Helen Shoemaker in Stevenson, Md. on Dec. 1st. Represented at this meeting was Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Daughters of the King, Faith Alive, Bible Reading Fellowship and New Life. It was decided to continue the PEWSACTION FELLOWSHIP and invite other Fellowships to unite with us, to have booths at the next General Convention in Minneapolis in 1976, as we did in Louisville. An evaluation by various members gave ideas for some changes to be thought through before the next meeting, which will be held previous to the opening of the annual Fellowship of Prayer Conference in Minneapolis on May 1st, 1974. A motion was made and passed that "we continue as PEWSACTION, with a view toward strategizing a stated purpose." Hopefully we will have something further to report on this at our April Council Meeting. Elsewhere in this issue is an evaluation of PEWSACTION at General Convention in Louisville, by the Rev. Donald Hulstrand, Pres. of PEWSACTION. Please read this outstanding message and use it in your chapters for discussion and study. I will be attending several meetings, such as Regional Conferences on Evangelism, Anglican Fellowship, local assemblies when possible, Provincial meetings and Diocesan meetings. When for reason of distance, or other reasons, I cannot attend, I appoint someone else to represent the Daughters of the King. I also invite Daughters to participate in workshops and programs with me, when I do attend meetings. The response to my invitations to members to participate has been wonderful and I take this opportunity to thank each of you who have so willingly attended the recent Conference in Evangelism.

Also for your letters and reports of the results. There will be many meetings where I sincerely hope we will have many members attend, two I have the dates of,
and hope you will plan to be present, if possible, especially in the local areas of the conferences. First, the annual Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., May 2, 3, and 4, 1974. The National Renewal Conference, sponsored by PEWSACTION to be held in Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 9-12, 1974. I urge as many members as possible to attend—remember, EVANGELISM is our primary objective—here we surely put our VOWS in ACTION.

As I write this message we are in the Christmas Season and I am wishing I could mail a personal note to each of you, but since I cannot, I do want you to know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. As we enter the New Year and on to Epiphanytide and then thru Lent, may God bless us all with health, courage, and dedication to SERVE the Church better, through our prayers. May we lead other Women and Girls to the Church through fellowship and enrich both their lives and ours through STUDY, SERVICE AND WORSHIP.

I must again say thank you to all who helped in any way to make our Triennial a never to be forgotten Christian experience, in the event some did not get thank you notes, as mail was so heavy after Convention. Though there is never a day without some mail to be answered—I am pleased as it shows the Daughters of The King are very much alive and going forward.

Sincerely,
For His Sake
Hattie K. Bunting

THE NEW DIRECTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Jesus Christ is the very front and top agenda of the Church. This is the first business of the General Convention and of each Parish Church." The Rev. Dr. H. Boone Porter, spoke these words at Calvary Church, Louisville, during the General Convention in that city. This may well prove to be a key to the new direction of the main line churches in these times.

The press has no way of understanding what is taking place in the Episcopal Church as they view what is enacted and symbolized by the General Convention. They simply are not equipped with theological knowledge, nor with sensitivity to the subtle undercurrents of faith.

Since newspapers deal largely in politics their natural reaction is to label everything that happens at the General Convention in political terminology. They label certain movements, decisions, and people as being liberal and others as being conservative. But these political terms do not belong to the Church because the Church is not a political organization—it is the Body of Christ; One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

Publicity has labelled the 1973 General Convention as a move away from liberalism and activism to conservatism or moderation. Others have strongly suggested in this light that the Episcopal Church is going in a reactionary direction—going back to the old Episcopalianism of the '40's and '50's.

Such terminology simply does not begin to explain what is happening in the Episcopal Church at this time. In no way is the Church going to go way back to an earlier kind of Episcopalianism which was characterized by a kind of cozy churchiness; often preoccupied with our quiet and beautiful little English churches, lovely exposed beam-work and twinkling candles. For too many there was an undefined feeling that Episcopalianism had mostly to do with Anglican chanting, busy acolytes, and a dignified liturgy. This is not to say that the emerging Church will not still have the joy of all these good and beautiful things, but that they do not begin to describe what is taking place in these times.

What is happening is that we are becoming more spiritual! This does not mean that we are becoming less real or down to earth. Just the opposite! To become
more spiritual is to become more real because it is the Holy Spirit of God who is filling us and leading us. God is the Eternal, Now, the Ultimate Reality!

As we come into a closer union with the Triune God we are in no way going backward in time; we are going forward with God.

Actually, what the Church is coming out of was basically reactionary in a spiritual sense. It was a period too much pervaded with secularism, too frenetically jumping to the tune of this pressure group or to that one. In other words, it was responding to the pressures of certain men (often the most vocal) rather than the pressures of the Holy Spirit.

There is, indeed, a new healthy spirituality in the Church; one that sees anew that this is the Lord's Church and that He will lead us where we ought to be in the world, and that He lives in His people, to charge them, to change them, giving them life which is abundant and eternal.

This healthy spirituality can be seen everywhere—

In the growing enthusiasm for evangelism, and the deep agreement that this is primarily the work of the layman.

In deepening involvement in Prayer. As in first century, the Holy Spirit came when the Church was gathered together in prayer.

In a greater concern for theology and particularly in the sacred textbook—of all theology, the Holy Bible.

In a great outpouring of love for all people, a love which comes not out of a law that says you "ought" to love people, but the love of Christ being channeled out through the people who are living in daily company with the risen Lord.

If there is any truth in the observation that the Church is re-grouping, then it is only sublimely true that the Church is re-grouping around the Lord and Master of the Church, Jesus Christ. In all of this we could do no wrong except to wrest the reins from Him again in distrust of our high calling; i.e., by slipping again into the cynicism that all this is too good to be true. Nothing is too good to be true of God; He is with us to the end of the world, He loves us and He is bringing us home.

Rev. D. Hulstrand

Introducing Mrs. George (Bertha) Milbank, one of the new members of the National Council.

THE LIFE OF A DIRECTRESS OF TRAINEES

To love and train young girls with Jesus' unclaiming love is the first objective in the life of a Directress of Trainees. She has an opportunity, not to be taken lightly, that is one of helping in the formation of young lives training to take a vow of Life of Prayer and Service to Christ Jesus. It is breathtaking.

This training begins with a Candlelight Service in which each girl says she will train for 3 months in Study and Prayer, and Service to her Lord. The Directress of a Chapter is able to devote more time and attention to the Program in progress if she has the benefit of a Trainee Directress. Therefore, more girls can be encouraged to seek membership in the Order because of concentrated training outside of ongoing activities of the Chapter. A Trainee Directress is available to these Trainees, for answers to their many questions, directions in their searchings, someone to call on, whatever their need is.

It is indeed a privilege to be a Directress of Trainees and in a position such as this is. Praise the Lord.

For His Sake
Patti Dow,
Directress of Trainees, Redeemer Chapter, Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, Fla.
MEDITATION FOR LENT

A blessed Lent full to the brim of doing the will of the Lord and Master of us all—giving more each day for Him of our- selves, our own true selves, not counting the cost, not counting the time, but know- ing He is calling us, to stretch every nerve being glad in serving Him.

We must do all the things we have wanted to do for Him, we must put aside all excuses and give ourselves daily, to giving at least one extra time, to doing that which we know must be done.

But, we say: how can we? It is so simple really. Examine our lives very care- fully. Are we really forgiving all who trespass against us? Do we carry close to our hearts hurts, disappointments, resent- ments, disgusts and annoyances? Let us take this time to throw away all these petty and undesirable thoughts. Lent should be a time of great joy. It can be a period when we come Home to God, a time when we come back to life. It should be a time when we shake off all that is worn and dead in us. We must be able to live again, to pray again, to be joyful again. To know that Jesus Christ loves us, He cares about every step we take. We have vowed to put our hand in His and to listen for His advice, which He gives to each one of us.

Remember the parable in which Christ says: “Make your peace with the adversary as long as you are on the way.” This adversary is our conscience, our inner self. It never lets us up on, it keeps reminding us of our wrongdoing. So we must kneel to Jesus and ask for a real forgiving bless- ing and then put these things behind us. We must fill that empty space with Joy and Love. Joy that our Saviour came to earth to teach us how to live each day, Love that we may help all his children find Him and learn how to live for Him. We must be quiet and learn to know our REAL thoughts, not just repeat the words we have been taught, but we must really know that this wonderful Saviour is ours and He will enter into our lives. He will come to us every minute of the day or night. But if we build up a wall around us of self-love and hatefulness, what do we have? We must learn to be ourselves and not to try to copy someone else. Each of us is an image of the Living God. St. Paul tells us to find ourselves in Christ and Christ in us. We each one have a truest, best self. We must try to live each minute with the help of Jesus, showing forth that self.

We must remember that we are disci- plers. What does this mean? We must have a sincere desire to learn how to be a disciple. We must use all our will, all of our being, to be silent and let the spirit of love fill each corner. This living silence is a great training for our mind and soul. What our Lord tells us to do, we often say “no.” This is not what we want to do. But we must do these things, we must reject ourselves to allow the Lord Christ to be our mind, our will and our heart. We must say with St. Paul, “It is no longer I but Christ who lives in me.” If we really try to do this during Lent we will find Good Friday, as we kneel before the Cross, that we understand a little more that great Sacrifice. Easter Morn our whole being will cry out, He is Risen, The Lord is Risen indeed.

I want to share this prayer I found among some old papers. My mother was confirmed June 8, 1883, in St. Mary’s, Kirkdale, England. This is on a gold printed card—it is a confirmation memento. “My Pastor’s Prayer for me.” “The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord teach thee and direct thee. The Lord sanctify thee wholly and make thee fruitful in every good word and work. The Lord give thee His peace now and forever. Amen. BE WATCHFUL. BE PRAYERFUL. BE DOING. BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.”

May Easter really be a day of great blessing and joy to each one of you.

Mrs. F. Jacob, Chr. Devotions

Dear Friends:

1973—year of crises; personal, national, worldwide—illness, Watergate, Cambodia, Chile, Middle East War, energy, etc. Crisis in credence; What can you believe, who can you trust. What are we to think; what are we to do?

Into just such an unbelieving world in crisis came a Saviour, Christ our Lord; a tiny helpless baby, who grew to exer- cise His ministry within the personal, social and political crises of His day. He called, confronted, taught and liberated men, women and children, giving them joy, peace and freedom in their life together and courage and hope to liberate the world through Him. As we celebrate His coming into our world of crises, may
we give of ourselves in positive action and personal and collective sacrifice for peace, justice and the liberation of all men around the world.

As I look forward to Christmas and back over the year, all I can say is "wow"—what a year of upheaval, change in life-style and activity, confrontation by the startling realities of our society.

I started off the year supervising a series of vacation club programs for some 600 children in rural and urban areas in and near Rio de Janeiro. We started off with a weekend training program for some 20 new leaders, recruited from the local areas. It was exciting to see and feel the enthusiasm of children, teenagers and parents as all pitched in to make these programs a huge success. Out of them have grown year-round clubs, classes, kindergartens and recreation programs led by new-found leaders.

In January, I also worked with a team doing a neighborhood study of an area where the Episcopal Church of Brazil in Rio, is developing a new community center. Response from the changing neighborhood, once a semirural bit of tranquility, now a growing semi-urban area, filling up with new residents in public and private housing projects, creating new problems and new possibilities. As a result of our study, a kindergarten program has been developed which now reaches out to the families in the neighborhood. There are plans for literacy classes, a speech clinic and club programs for various age groups. The Sunday church is growing into a weekday center concerned about the needs and aspirations of the residents in the community.

At the same time these programs are going on I was running a pension house for foreign students at my apartment— young people coming to visit Rio, work in service projects and study. We carried on an evaluation of our exchange program experience and decided to restructure the program in Brazil so as to be more realistic and relevant in terms of the expectations of youth in the 1970's.

I was also hunting for an apartment to buy in Rio, as my employer—The Episcopal Church in Brazil had decided to help us buy our own apartments rather than provide rent for us. It is a good plan, but not so easy to realize. But after examining 100 apartments, I finally found a very nice one I could afford in a residential section near the hills and far from the maddening tourists. Then I went into the moving business. Into all this wildly busy activity came the news my mother was ill and needed me in Glenside, Pa., for many months or a year. So after seeking and preparing some people to supervise some of my more essential projects in Rio I came home in April. This has been a hard year for Mother, but I hope to move her to a retirement (center) in Florida early in the year.

I was in Glenside only about two weeks when I was invited to join the staff of St. Peter's Episcopal Church on a very part-time basis, to work with parish leaders involved in the church school program on Sunday mornings. It has been interesting working with a group of lay people developing a shared-team-work to administer and supervise the Sunday morning program for children up to 14 years. Living and working in suburbia, U.S.A. is so different from urban Rio. It has been a vitally warm experience for me and has enabled me to survive this year of crises.

I was able to get to Louisville in September to participate in the Triennial of the Daughters of the King, who have given me special support for the past 14 years. I also had the opportunity to attend General Convention. Sometime, in May or June, I should be returning to Brazil—where my address will be Caixa Postal 13.029 — 20,000 Tijuca, Gb, Brazil.

Faithfully
Elizabeth Daniel

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW CHAPTERS, AND WISH THEM GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES:

SENIORS—
Third Province, Diocese of Washington, St. Mary Magdalene Chapter, Church of St. Mary Magdalene, City of Washington, District of Columbia. 7 Charter members, President Mrs. K. A. Phillips. Seventh Province, Diocese of Texas, St. Elizabeth Chapter, St. George's Church, Port Arthur. 6 Charter members, President Mrs. Mildred Davis. Diocese of West Texas, St. Christopher's Chapter, St. Christopher-by-the-Sea Mission, Portland, 4 Charter members, President Mrs. Ogden Smyth.

JUNIORS—Third Province, Diocese of Maryland, St. Matthias Chapter, St. Matthias Church, Baltimore, 6 Charter
Dear Senior Daughters:

Being a Junior Daughter of the King Directress has been a very interesting experience for me and I am sure one for you. I have had the privilege of working with young girls in two different states, and have found that girls are girls wherever I go! At both parishes the girls had been confirmed and had nothing to do and that seems to create a problem if you are sincerely interested in keeping the youth in contact with God. That is the challenge! Keeping teenagers interested in the two purposes of The Order seems to be in direct relationship with what the girls in a particular chapter want to do. One cannot always go by the book. At St. Alban's, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, The Brother Lawrence Chapter was active in all phases of parish life, but we especially enjoyed traveling to some of the other churches and talking with other Junior Chapters, or talking to Senior Chapters and young girls of that parish in the hope of starting a Junior Chapter. We always wrote a letter and set a specific date. Sometimes we met early for breakfast and then went on our journey, or we had lunch together on our way home. Before we went into the church for our visit, we had “prayer in the round,” holding hands and each in turn asking God’s help and thanking Him for a safe trip. When we prayed in the round, we used no books. Our hearts and minds were our guides. With practice it became easier to pray without a book. And I mean practice! At first, as we held hands for closing prayers at the meeting, either my co-directress Jan or I would start. If a girl was too shy all she had to say was “thank you, God,” and it would pass on to the next girl. We, rather God, had a lot of “thank you!” the first few times. It was a great day when everyone had more to say. I don’t know for sure who enjoyed the traveling most, the girls or the directresses. It was a most enjoyable way to spread Christ’s Kingdom.

In Des Moines, Iowa, at St. Andrew’s Chapter, St. Andrew’s Church, things are a little different. Besides study and various services to the church, we do a lot of talking about living a Christian life in today’s world. Sometimes it is quite a struggle. Dope, sex, parents, friends... the girls question themselves... “Am I good enough for God?” They also question their parents and the older generation: “If God created all men, then why don’t we accept all people?” They feel there is hypocrisy all around.

So then What? I sometimes agree with them. How do I handle these feelings? How can I help them to handle these feelings? Live the Love of God, don’t just talk about it... DO IT. There is a lot behind that old saying, “If everyone just lit one little candle.” One of those candles is understanding. Understanding yourself and others through education and experience. We studied the Jewish faith and attended a service. Amazing... Jesus was a Jew—had we forgotten?

Sharing with people is the greatest learning experience. Caring comes from it, then love. Don’t just pray about the love of God. Live it, share it. Don’t just pray about the spread of Christ’s Kingdom... “Go out into the world.” Actions speak louder than words.

For His Sake
Mrs. Judy Smalley

“O God, we ask Thee not to lift us out of life but to prove Thy power within it. We ask not for tasks more suited to our strength but for strength adequate to our tasks. Give us the vision that inspires and the strength that endures. Give us, we pray, the grace of Jesus Christ who wore our flesh like a king’s robe, who walked the ways of the earth like a conqueror in triumph, who now lives and reigns with Thee, O Father, in the unity of the Spirit forever. And may this blessing, Father, Son, Spirit, rest on you and all whom you love and all for whom we pray, this night and forevermore. Amen.

(This Benediction, written by the Rt. Rev. Stephen F. Bayne, Jr., was used as the Invocation for the Daughters of the King Banquet, Sept. 28, 1973, at Louisville, Ky., by the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Chaplain. Bishop Bayne was ill and unable to be present.)
BEGIN EACH DAY WITH PRAYER

O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting, and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before. (Psalm 139)

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

A Confession
We confess, O God, that too often we are the soft products of the boldness of others. For our comfort, they scorned delights and lived laborious days. For our freedom they curtailed their own. To make us at home in the world, they became strangers and pilgrims. Rebuke us for accepting the gains while shirking the obligations. Rebuke us for stopping where we are and clutching what we have. Push us and prod us out of complacency; keep us moving along the road that leads to the City of Him in whose name we pray, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

A Lenten Prayer
Almighty God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

An Intercession
O Christ, the Healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends? From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need. How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves! Release in us those healing truths, unconscious pride resists and shelters. In conflicts that destroy our health, we diagnose the world's dis-ease; our common life declares our ills: Is there no cure, O Christ, for these? Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and shall enrich mankind.

An Easter Thanksgiving
O Jesus Christ, who arose from the dead on the first Easter Day, and gave us the knowledge of life after death; we thank thee for this assurance. Help us to live as those who are grateful for this knowledge and who believe in thine eternal purposes of love.

A Personal Thanksgiving For a Friend
I don’t believe I’ve ever thanked you, God, for this wonderful friend. But I do thank you for creating her and letting her enrich my life this way. Thank you for all the years we’ve known each other and the confidences and hopes and troubles we’ve shared. Thank you for the understanding we bring to each other, for the patience we have with each other’s faults, for the advice and even the scoldings we are able to give each other without either of us taking offense. Thank you for the help we’ve been to each other . . . in this way, and so many more. Thank you that because of her I am a better, happier person and that she has grown as a person, too, because of me. Thank you that she would give me anything in her power . . . time, work, money, possessions, encouragement, sympathy . . . whatever my need . . . and that she known I would be as quick to respond to whatever her needs might be. Thank you that we can laugh together, cry together, rejoice together, our friendship spanning absence and time. Lord, bless and keep her. Lord, thank you for my friend.

From the Good Friday Liturgy:
O Saviour of the world, who by your Cross and precious blood have redeemed us:
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, set, we pray, your passion, cross and death between your judgment and our souls, now in the hour of death. Give mercy and grace to the living, and pardon and rest to the dead. Grant peace and concord to your Holy Church, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and forever.

AMEN

Mrs. Ivan E. Merrick, Dev. Chr.
PROVINCIAL DIOCESAN AND CHAPTER NEWS

KANSAS

The 81st annual Assembly of the Diocese of Kansas was held Saturday, October 20, 1973, at St. Andrew’s Church in Fort Scott, with 46 members present. The day began with Holy Communion celebrated by the Diocesan Chaplain, The Rev. R. R. Freed. Following breakfast the business session was held. Reports were presented by the seven chapters present. A report on the Junior Daughters was given by the Diocesan President, Nancy Lomax. The other Junior Diocesan Officers present were Vice-Pres., Nancy Rufle; Sec.-Treas., Marilyn McCrillis. There are now three Junior Chapters in the Diocese. A report on the Triennial Convention was given by Mrs. H. Elwood, Mrs. G. Cooper and Mrs. G. Milbank. The Assembly voted to send the offering taken at that meeting to St. Paul’s Church, Clay Center, Kansas, which was destroyed by a tornado in September. Following officers were elected for the ensuing two years: President, Miss Pat Abshire; V. Pres., Mrs. E. O. Perkins; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. W. A. Sampson; Jr. Daughters Directress, Mrs. P. Dougherty. Father Freed installed the new officers. Noonday prayers were led by Mrs. R. Linn. The Rt. Rev. E. C. Turner, Bishop of Kansas, reported on the work of General Convention and answered questions about the Convention.

CALIFORNIA

The Fall Assembly of the Diocese of Los Angeles was held at St. Mark’s Church, Glendale, Oct. 27, 1973, with Mrs. Louise Johnson, President, presiding. Father James Engels was installed as the new Chaplain. Eight of the members reported on the different aspects of the Triennial Convention. The only sad note of the meeting was bidding farewell to the Daughters from the San Diego area, who will be incorporated in the new Diocese. More than 100 from churches throughout the Los Angeles Diocese attended, some coming from as far away as 150 miles. The meeting closed with the blessing by our 99 year old Bishop Robert Gooden, who has been active with the Daughters since 1904, and was the Chaplain of the Diocese for 20 years.
MARYLAND

The Daughters of the King of the Diocese of Maryland welcomed a new Junior Chapter of 6 members into the Order at a service at St. Matthias' Church (Overlea) in Baltimore on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 11 a.m. Rev. H. W. Fairbrother, Rector, presided at the Service of Installation. The Charter was presented by Mrs. Clare Albrecht, Diocesan President. Daughters from several Chapters in the area attended, as well as the Diocesan Officers. Mrs. James Natusky is Directress of the New Chapter; Gathy Ohl, President; Debbie Libertini, Treasurer; Laura Todd, Secretary. Other members of the chapter are: Beth de Palma, Mary Lou de Palma, Mary C. Overcash.

FIFTH PROVINCE

The following officers have been elected to serve for the ensuing term at assembly held in Painesville, Ohio, recently: Pres., Mrs. James Howting—Diocese of Chicago; Vice President, Mrs. Edward Vargo, Diocese of Michigan; Secretary, Mrs. Jack Beggs, Diocese of Ohio; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Thorpe, Diocese of Chicago; Prov. Rep., Mrs. Elizabeth Rhines, Diocese of Ohio.

MARYLAND

Below is a picture of St. Bartholomew's Chapter, St. Bartholomew's Church, Baltimore, taken on the steps of All Saints Convent, Catonsville, Md. A day of touring and learning was spent here. We learned about life in a Convent and attended the noonday service in their Chapel. An interesting and informative day was spent with Mother Virginia, who is in charge of the Convent.

DIOCESE OF NEW MEXICO AND SOUTHWEST TEXAS

Prayer, Purity and Service was the theme of the Diocesan Daughters Annual Fall Retreat for all Episcopal Women at the Holy Cross Retreat House in Mesilla Park, New Mexico, on October 5, 6 and 7, 1973. The Rev. Ron Thomson, Rector of the Church of St. Clement's, El Paso, Tex., was Retreat Master and Canon Dennis R. Walker, Chaplain of the Order, Celebrant. Father Thomson opened the door, all entered in complete silence where the focus of thoughts ceased from the busy outside world and with relaxed spirits centered on God’s Love and peace we could learn better “Who I am and Why.” He bade us to train our minds, hearts and spirits to be true in thinking and just in judging. Live to minister to others—measure the margins—don’t try to do too much in too little time—Pray for patience—take time out for rest. Go forward steadily—Live and work to God’s praise and glory.

New Chapter at the Church of the Nativity, Cedarcroft, Baltimore, Md.

Members of St. Bartholomew's Chapter at All Saints Convent

March, 1974
Among the great blessings of the Convention, was a face to face encounter with Elizabeth Daniel, our Missionary, who has been supported by The Self Denial Fund. Every Daughter should have the joy of meeting this dynamic woman who has answered, in a very special way, “Here am I, send me.” For years we have read her reports in The Royal Cross about her work in Brazil. Perhaps each had a mental picture of Elizabeth. Those of us who saw and heard her were moved by the sparkle, the vitality, the dedication and holy joy of this remarkable woman. She had brought pictures with her of the area of Rio where she has her headquarters. They spoke silently of over-crowding and not a little privation, in a country which is suffering from growing pains. Elizabeth’s comments were not so much of what had been done, but of what still must be done. She is on furlough now but hopes to return to Brazil to devote her life to the people she loves. It would probably amuse her to know that many Daughters tried to guess her age—without any consensus! She seems ageless, untiring. She thanked us for our support of her. She asked that we not set her apart—she too had come to rededicate herself to our mutual vows of evangelism, prayer and service. She is surely one with us and as our Self Denial Fund supports her work so does each of us become involved. In this way, we can with Elizabeth say: “Here am I, send me.”

(After reading the above commentary, is there a Daughter who has not become more aware of the value of the words SELF DENIAL and OFFERING? I have and I applaud this approach to Elizabeth Daniel, who equals the Epiphany Fund. Keep her in your prayers and please think about her returning to her arena of activities. Dare we let her love us more than we love her? Irma Charlton)
FROM THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

DON'T FORGET THE DATE
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AT
SEABURY HOUSE, GREENWICH,
CONN.
April 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1974

The Master's Fund
Remember the Master's Fund—our
Whitsuntide Offering which is used to
help send some Daughter, or other
young woman to school for training in
church work, or church related work.

Diocesan Treasurers please take
notice that Self Denial Offerings should
be sent to the National Office by
March 15.

Thought for the Day
Avoid becoming an automatic plod-
der, doing humdrum tasks, and walk
instead the love-lit pathways where all
work is cooperation with Christ in
building a new world. C. F. Reisner

This article received recently from Mrs.
R. J. Owen, Secy.-Treas. St. Paul's Chap-
ter, Owego, N. Y., tells about the Order
in Central New York.

"At one time the Diocesan Assembly of
Central New York comprised seven Chap-
ters, of which two are still active—Zion
Chapter in Greene (the first to receive its
charter) and St. Paul's Chapter, in
Owego, whose charter is dated 1953. The
last two Fall Assemblies were held at
Christ Church, Binghamton, midway be-
tween these two parishes. Zion Chapter
has addressed thousands of letters for its
Rector, as well as carrying out its regular
program of prayer and service. St. Paul's
Chapter has a prayer chain, a study time,
a calling program with gifts and cards at
various times. They keep in touch with
the residents of St. Barnabas House-on-
the-lake at North East, Pa., and they also
do work for the Cancer Society. One very
joyous occasion was when Elizabeth
Daniel visited Owego between buses on a
very blustery day in February 1973. Those
able to attend were delighted to meet her
and hear about her work. Our prayers are
with all the daughters as we continue to
grow in patience, strength and love, and
go forward into a New Year joyfully, for
His Sake.

AN EASTER MESSAGE
"Beloved now are we the Sons of God,
and it doth not yet appear what we shall
be; but we know that when He shall
appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall
see Him as He is." (John 1:3:2)

PAT POWERS GETS THE CALL

Share your particular talent with some-
one else. If you paint, sew, sing, bake,
read, repair things, collect, hike, skate,
meditate—find another person to share it
with. There may be a child in your own
neighborhood who needs someone who
understands, or a lonely adult who needs
the encouragement of sharing. These are
some of the often forgotten ways to bring
Christ to others.

MOST RICHLY BLESSED
I asked God for strength that I might
achieve,
I was made weak that I might learn
humbly to obey;
I asked for health that I might do greater
things,
I was given infirmity that I might do
better things;
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the
praise of men,
I was given weakness that I might feel
the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy
life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all
things,
I got nothing that I asked for
But everything I had hoped for;
Almost, despite myself, my unspoken
prayers were answered,
I among ALL men was Most richly
blessed! (Author unknown)

IMPORTANT — PLEASE NOTE
To those chapters who are using Hand
Books dated earlier than 1971 — be ad-
vised there are several changes that have
been made relative to charges on certain
items. I would suggest you consult Page 2
and the last page of The Royal Cross to
bring you up to date. Thank you.

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Dear Directresses:

In this next triennium it is the goal of your National Division Chairman and her committee to utilize the medium of the Messenger to assist each of you. By sharing your experiences (both good and otherwise), suggestions for programs, projects, study courses, resource information, field trips, and some of the myriad of information that usually stops dead in the hands of the National Committee members, we will grow! How much will be determined to a large extent by your involvement. How do you do this—you ask? No one way out there really cares about your problems—no one else has the time to prayerfully help you! Or, perhaps you have no problems—yours is a successfully organized operation!!!!

Think then! Why do we have a National Chairman and a committee? Does the Order of The Daughters of the King need more names on its roster to appear impressive? No! The problems peculiar to the exposure and training of young ladies (of any age) to a life of Christian understanding and service are many, complex and ever changing. It takes a Special Love for a woman to dedicate herself to this Christian task and to encourage her, support her, guide her in the National Junior Division Committee.

May I introduce to you these sisters-in-Christ, appointed in Louisville by our National President, Miss Hattie K. Bunting: Mrs. Elizabeth G. Rhines, Ch., Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. C. E. Lee, Jr., Gainesville, Ga.; Mrs. Stuart H. Dow, Sarasota, Fla.; Mrs. George Milbank, Wichita, Kans.

Future editions will acquaint you with each one in the hope you will feel free to correspond with, or call on, anyone, or all. We are a team representing you on the National level and I do not stand on ceremony that all contacts be made to me. All reports MUST come to me, tho.

The Junior Division is blessed to have continued support of our past chairman, Mrs. Darwin A. Smith (Harriette), who is diligently working on the completion of the Revised Jr. Handbook. It is expected to be available very soon. It is a most exciting edition, as many of the changes were proposed by the Junior Daughters themselves; new prayers and a Litany are written for today's living. The beauty and stability of the Lord's Prayer has been retained by unanimous acclaim. Mrs. Smith has generously consented to be a member of our Standby Committee (thus giving continuity to the program), along with Mrs. Mason Trupp, Tampa, Fla.

Another innovation in our Messenger is a SHARE CORNER where you as the directress, your chapter, or your young ladies may make contributions. A Prayer, a project, an anecdote, a need or a response. What an exciting way to become united! If I hear from you immediately it may appear in the June Edition. This issue carries messages from two Directresses.

These are our aims!!! May we join together in prayer for success, remembering the words of Helen Smith Shoemaker,

"PRAYER IS ACTION."

For His Sake
Elizabeth G. Rhines, Chairman

A MESSAGE TO A JUNIOR DAUGHTER DIRECTRESS:

Count your blessings! You are one of the more fortunate members of our Order! The thrill of "directing" or "assisting" youth can be a most satisfying and exhilarating experience. You can "assist" in developing their spiritual thinking and can "direct" them to materials and individuals which can aid in their development.

Have you tried converting some of your meetings into a prayer service? How often this is done would depend on the age of the girls. Many of the older ones grow weary of "busy work." At the Confirmation age, or older, a girl is normally quite serious and can be quite religious. A prayer session, with each girl bringing a prepared or an original prayer to use, might include those girls who are often left out. Or, a prayer session with appointed girls responsible for the prayers, ending with intercessory prayers for the sick, might be quite meaningful. Meditations by the clergy, an invited adult, or by the girls themselves, can be valuable.
Variety is the spice of life, and very necessary to the young. A variety in activities is most important. Study sessions of the symbols in the church; or the church calendar; or Eucharistic vessels and vestments and their symbolism; or a review of the handbook and what it means to be a Junior Daughter, could be used. Litanies and Rededication services periodically are necessary.

Community service can be valuable for holding the interest and developing concern for others. This might include caroling to the aged or sick at Christmas time, supplying toys and food, or playing games with an underprivileged family—or other project of their choosing.

But, most important of all is their service to their Parish. Altar work, assisting in church and altar decorations for special seasons, making palm crosses, helping in the nursery, choir or church school; or a special project chosen by the Rector, may be interesting and challenging.

"In order to aid in their spiritual development the program MUST be interesting to the girls. That is YOUR responsibility. How lucky you are!"

Mrs. George (Bertha) Milbank Wichita, Kansas

A MEDITATION

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all—hear me Blessed Saviour, when I call. Hear me! From thy dwelling place pour down the riches of thy grace. Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore; O make me love thee more and more.

S I L E N C E

Jesus, what didst thou find in me that thou hast dealt so lovingly? How great the joy that thou hast brought. O far exceeding hope or thought. Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore; O make me love thee more and more.

S I L E N C E

Jesus, of thee shall be my song; to thee my heart and soul belong. All that I am or have is thine; and thou, my Saviour, thou art mine. Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore; O make me love thee more and more!!

S I L E N C E

The Lord's Prayer (any version)
The Junior Daughters' Prayer

Amen

(This is the first, third and fourth verses of Hymn 460, written by Henry Collins in 1854. How very appropriate for our lives today. This meditation can be expanded if time permits. The brevity of it makes it possible to be used daily.)

FAVORS FOR SHUT-INS

Use pastel colored plastic egg cartons to make small baskets to be filled with jelly beans, chocolates, chicks, etc. Divide a carton into 3 sections, staple braided yarn handles to each end and fill each egg hole with a very little imitation grass. Your own imagination is the only limit to the results. Small prayer cards may be tucked inside or stapled to the handle; where they will be going to the nursing homes or hospitals you may not want to include anything edible. \( \frac{1}{2} \) dozen postage stamps; 2 or 3 dimes for newspapers or phone calls; small scratch pads and pens (donated by a local merchant), would be appreciated. Check with the volunteer group at these institutions for other ideas.

Secure permission to present a short program at these institutions, in song, pantomime or prose. Involve adults in the planning, by asking for ideas, supplies, favors which you cannot make, etc., but KEEP IT SIMPLE!

THINGS TO DO AND MAKE

Plan to invite a group of young girls from another Faith to worship with you on Palm Sunday or Easter and accept an invitation from them to do the same.

Plan a corporate service with your Mothers or other women, on Mother's Day.

Plan a corporate service for Fathers, brothers or other male friends, in June.

Share these experiences by sending a short story to the National Division Chairman.

SURPRISE EGGS

The plastic eggs in which hosiery are sold in grocery stores can be painted or decorated and then filled. Retain the collars in which they come; use as holders. These can be covered with foil to hide the advertising. If only \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the container is to be used as an open basket, additional collars may be made from cardboard or heavy construction paper.
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SUPPLIES FOR SENIORS

Registration Fee—New Members .................... $3.00

Large Senior Cross with loop and pin attached, replacement only ........... $2.50

Small Senior Cross with pin only ...................... $1.50

Handbooks, each 40c; half dozen $2.25; dozen $4.50

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