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I ask not, "Shall the Lord Christ reign
As King of all, for aye?"
But, "Do I to His will attain
In the life I live to-day?"

—THOMAS CURTIS CLARK.

EDITORIALS

GROWTH, NUMERICAL OR SPIRITUAL?

The question which most concerns us as an Order is, not how are we growing in numbers, but, how about our spiritual growth?

The spread of the Order is desirable that there may be more to aid in the spreading of His Kingdom, but of greater importance is—just what measure of faithful, zealous, unselfish service does our present membership render?

Our number is sufficiently large to make a wonderful change in the course of events and in the lives of those about us, if our spiritual growth were beyond question. Merely wearing the sign or symbol, or even enshrining it in our hearts, will not suffice; deep within, suffusing the entire inner life, there must be Christ with His divine power.

We give ourselves in service, but if there is nothing in ourselves, what do we give? Unless there is consecration lying back of our service and activity, where are that service and activity to get their power? We accomplish little because there is little of the power of ac-

complishment in us. The power of each life springs from the depth of that life.

What are the hindrances to our spiritual growth?

We pray for grace and strength and courage. Do we then follow up our prayers with the determination to strive for these things for which we pray—for grace to act "as becometh women professing godliness", for strength to bear with meekness the injustice or unkindness which may be shown us, for courage to act, even under the most trying circumstances, as He would have us act? Do we bear in mind always in making our decisions that the goal is that of Divine approval?

Do we let love fill our hearts to the exclusion of all unworthy thoughts and motives? If these harmed only ourselves, it would be bad enough, but we must remember that the harm extends to "our neighbor and God's holy work."

Certain it is that we cannot be bent upon doing His work if we are bent on thoughts of self in any form—personal

grievances, personal ambitions, or the desire to glorify ourselves in place of glorifying Christ.

Do we notice much growth in the meekness and humility for which we pray? Do we esteem ourselves better than others? Do we feel envious of another? Why should one feel that honor accorded to another detracts from our own? There is none who may hold her head so high as one who knows her service is acceptable to the Master; nor is there anyone who can be so humble, for she is conscious that not she but God has wrought the work.

We do not grow less imperfect through our own willingness or effort. Improvement is not to be gained by directly seeking it, but it is the reward which God bestows upon those who devote their time and talent to His business. If we would attain to our ideals of what a Daughter of the King should be, we need to realize that if our lives are spiritually shallow, our efforts prove futile; that power will be transmitted to our service just in proportion as our own lives are rooted in the Divine.

VACATION TIME

Someone has said: "What we do with our spare time determines our character."

May it not be that what a Daughter does with her spare time determines how true a Daughter she is?

Opportunities to share in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom are not confined to our home or our home town, as all who go out from home with the desire to serve can testify. These opportunities do not always mean that the way is opened for deeds; sometimes, oftentimes, it is only for words. Are we sometimes silent when He would have us speak? If we are called to account for our words, why not for our silences?

That it is difficult to serve the Master away from home is a common fallacy. There are hindrances—pride, prejudice, indifference to, or ignorance of, the better things of life—but these are encountered everywhere and none of them are insuperable. Let us see the goal more clearly than the obstacles.

CHANGE IN OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

About the first of June the letter following was received from the President of the Order, Mrs. Ewing:

It is with much regret, and in accordance with the urgent instructions of my physician, that I feel obliged to relinquish the responsibilities of the office I now hold as your National President.

You will therefore kindly receive this as my formal resignation of the office of President of the National Council of the Order of The Daughters of the King.

I will continue to serve the Order in the capacity of one of the members of the National Council to which I was re-elected a member at the Triennial Convention in Portland, Oregon, September, 1922.

I beg to remain

Yours, "For His Sake",
(MRS. FELIX G.) JANE W. EWING.

Accompanying this was a copy of a letter from Mrs. Ewing's physician, addressed to her and reading as follows:

After having examined you, I am writing to advise that you relinquish all responsibility possible. I believe this to be imperative, and do not believe you will get back to your normal health until this is done and you will be able to carry out my other instructions.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) O. N. BRYAN.

That it seemed necessary for Mrs. Ewing to resign the office of President of the Order, all will regret. During the time she served as Provincial President of the Fourth Province, her enthusiasm and remarkable work in organizing and in spreading a knowledge of the aims and work of the Order brought her prominently before our membership. So devoted and capable had she shown herself to be that when the newly elected Council met in their first session in Portland, after having been elected by the Triennial Convention there, they elected her to be President of the Council.

During the few months of her incumbency there has been but one meeting of the Council, but in the meantime she has given much of time and thought to the privileges and responsibilities of the office.

With this resignation the mantle of President falls upon the First Vice-President, Mrs. A. A. Birney, of Washington, D. C., who is no stranger to us, but is well and favorably known throughout the Order, not only through her work in Washington and the Third Province and at the different Triennials, but also through her service as Business Manager of THE ROYAL CROSS some years ago.

It may be noted as a coincidence that, as Mrs. Ewing was President of her Province, the Province of Sewanee, at the time the National Council elected her to be their President, so, also, is Mrs. Birney President of her Province, the Third Province, or Province of Washington.

News and Notes

In the pews in St. Paul's Church, Portland, Oregon, we noticed cards on which the following appears:

"Visitors and Strangers Always Welcome.

"If you are not familiar with our service, please do not hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you to show you the place in the Prayer Book so that you can follow and enjoy the services. It will help you and be a pleasure to us. If you are not affiliated with any other church we would be very glad if you will fill out a card with your name, address and telephone number and hand it to the rector or any of the attendants in the back of the church, so that we can arrange to have someone call, for we want to know you and want you to know us. We want everyone to feel comfortable and at home here and extend to you a very cordial invitation to come again.

"Very sincerely,

"The Rector, Wardens, Vestry and
People of St. Paul's Church.
"Seats free. Congregational singing."

"Before November first of each year each chapter shall, through its proper officer, report to the Corresponding Secretary the number of members upon its rolls, and remit—as dues of said chapter to the Council—a sum equal to \$1.00 *per capita* of all its active members. If, however, a chapter be affiliated with a Local Assembly of the Order, such report and dues shall first be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Local Assembly, and by her be remitted before November fifteenth of each year to the Corresponding Secretary in the National Office."—*Constitution of the Order*, Article II, Sec. 3.

This being our last opportunity to remind Daughters "before November first" (since our next number is the November number), we are quoting the above from the Constitution to serve as a reminder for us all to arrange at our October meetings for prompt payment of our dues, sending them through the proper channels.

That the World Conference on Faith and Order is arousing world-wide interest is shown by the fact that recently, in a single month, there were added to the list of persons sufficiently interested in the subject to show their interest nearly two hundred names, coming from different countries and representing almost every leading body of Christians.

From the Provincial Vice-President of Tennessee, Miss Matilda A. Porter, comes an earnest letter regarding the resolution concerning prayer, a resolution which is given elsewhere in this issue. She writes that the Prayer Committee in her own chapter "is functioning regularly and, we feel, with fruitful and blessed results for the Order and the Master's service." It is her hope that the plan outlined in this resolution may be made a National Endeavor. The object of the resolution is, in brief, that we pray more definitely, more practically—that we feel more intensely the need and power of prayer.

At the Princeton Summer School for Church Workers, held at Princeton, New

Jersey, July 2 to 13, Mrs. Alfred Adler of the diocese of New York is to lead a conference on the 10th inst., in which she will represent our Order.

At the Wellesley Conference, which closes July 6th, Mrs. W. W. Rice of Connecticut is arranging for a meeting in behalf of The Daughters of the King. In the same Province Miss Dorothy P. Hull of Wykeham Rise School, Connecticut, will represent the Order at Concord, N. H.

Names of the representatives of the Order in these two provinces, the Province of New England and the Province of New York and New Jersey, are the only ones received to date.

It was hoped we might have reports from the June Conferences in this issue, leaving more room in the next for the July and August reports. Up to the time of going to press, none have been received.

The International Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to be held in Chicago, September 19th to 23rd, 1923. This meeting marks the Brotherhood's fortieth anniversary, which is to be celebrated in this splendid way. As it is written in the "Call for an International Convention", sent out by their Executive Committee, "The Brotherhood desires to make it known that this is to be a gathering of all men and older boys of the Anglican Communion in all lands. Let us bring together a finely representative number of those both of and not of the Brotherhood, who try to follow in their daily lives the example of St. Andrew in bringing his brother to Christ."

Early registration is urged, for it is believed there will be many hundreds in attendance. "Be one of the first thousand!" This, and "It isn't a bit too early to make up your mind you are coming", is the advice given by one of the Council members in an article regarding attendance. We hope many of the homes THE ROYAL CROSS enters will see a man or boy, "either of or not of" the Brotherhood, go out to this meeting.

The new Business Manager reports that over fifty letters have been written

regarding changes in the addresses of our Daughters. She would appreciate notification from any Daughter whose address was incorrect on the May issue.

Again we would call attention to the new edition of Bishop Reese's "Bible Readings and Personal Prayers", to which reference was made in a previous issue. This book has been revised and reprinted in response to many requests, and is sent out, the author states, "as a venture of faith that it may be the means of deepening the religious life of those who use it, prompting to a larger service to the needs of others."

To those of us who were privileged to hear Bishop Reese in Portland and who gained much from his talks on the Bible, his words bear a special message; to those Daughters who have not heard him we can say there is help in store for them in this book.

"Zero in June" is the attractive heading of an editorial in the June number of *The Virginia Churchman*, one of the best of the Church papers that come to this desk. The editorial deals with subscriptions, but we are wondering if that might not be a good caption for many of us to use for our list of work accomplished when enthusiasm is far nearer that point than it is summer heat!

Four new leaflets recently received deal with the subjects, "Accomplishment", "The New Program", "Faith and Prayer" and "Stewardship". While all are well worth reading, we wish everyone might read the ones entitled "Faith and Prayer" and "Stewardship". They are published by the Field Department of the National Council of the Church.

The Weekly Kay, "The Round Robin of the Bishop's Chapter of Central New York", is a publication established in the diocese of Central New York for the purpose of introducing and explaining the work and object of the Order to those who were to become members of the Bishop's Chapter in that diocese. The first *Weekly Kay* introduced the future members to the Order; one following told of the difference between our

Order and the society known as King's Daughters, and explained the principal object of the Order, and so on, the last number announcing the first meeting of the Bishop's Chapter.

Looking through the *Liberian Churchman*, one cannot help realizing that a greater personal interest in the Church's work is always felt when we are informed on the subject of what that work is. This is a bi-monthly magazine published by the Missionary District of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Liberia. The publication must mean much to the workers in the scattered places in that country.

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The Editor's Mail Box

DEAR EDITOR:

Do not we make too much of what we do for our King? I feel very strongly that instead of reporting what we have done, we should be performing some other service. Are we not told, "let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth"?

A DAUGHTER.

There are many who feel as you do. It would seem to the writer that just as the rector of a parish sums up the list of important matters that can be set down in words and figures—so many confirmations, baptisms, etc.—so might we in a general way have a report, but that we would no more think of reporting our good deeds at each meeting than he would report his to a vestry meeting. It would seem that Christ's words, in His Sermon on the Mount, would include good deeds as well as "alms"—"That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

DEAR MRS. HUMPHREYS:

Where is our next Triennial to be held? I want to begin to save money.

A NEW DAUGHTER OF THE KING.

Our last Triennial having accepted the invitation of the Brotherhood to meet at the same time and in the same city with them in 1925, nothing more definite is

known as to the next Convention than that it will be held the week before General Convention in some city near New Orleans—the General Convention city. It is the custom of the Brotherhood to hold their Convention that year the week before General Convention, in a city near that in which General Convention is held, thus taxing the Convention city far less in the matter of housing and entertainment.

DEAR EDITOR:

Why does not our society have an annual Corporate Communion like the Brotherhood? A DAUGHTER.

In the hand-book of the Order, under the heading, "Obligations", the first obligation listed is, "Yearly Corporate Communion on All Saints' Day."

Am sure you will be glad to have your attention called to the fact that ours is not a "society" in the accepted sense of the term, but an Order.

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"There's never a trouble that comes to stay;
There's never a grievance but fades away;
Forget the heartache and bravely lend
A helping hand to some sadder friend."

The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

"Make up your mind that your *best self* is your *real self*, that the patience and generosity of which you are capable in your best moments, *are possible for you at any and all times.*"

No bank ever closes its business day until its balance is found to be absolutely correct. And no Christian should close a single day until his accounts with God for that day have been perfectly adjusted alone with Him.—*R. A. Torrey.*

We seek God afar off, in projects perhaps altogether unattainable, and we do not consider that we possess Him now in the midst of confusion, by the exercise of simple faith, provided we bear humbly and bravely the annoyances which come from others, and our own imperfections.—*Fénelon.*

Church Calendar

AUGUST

1. Wednesday.
5. Tenth Sunday after Trinity.
6. Monday. Transfiguration.
12. Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.
19. Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.
24. Friday. St. Bartholomew.
26. Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.
31. Friday.

SEPTEMBER

1. Saturday.
2. Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.
9. Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.
16. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.
- 19, 21, 22. Ember Days.
21. Friday. St. Matthew.
23. Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.
29. Saturday. St. Michael and All Angels.
30. Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

OCTOBER

1. Monday.
7. Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.
14. Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.
18. Thursday. St. Luke.
21. Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.
28. Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity. St. Simon and St. Jude.
31. Wednesday.

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Important Notices

1. All matter intended for insertion in THE ROYAL CROSS must be sent to the Editor, Mrs. W. Shelley Humphreys, 2103 Main Street, Jacksonville, Fla.

2. The names and dues of all members (either new or old) must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Barbara Horn, Room 84, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City.

3. All changes in address must be forwarded promptly to the Business Manager, Mrs. W. J. Loaring Clark, Sewanee, Tenn.

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A trouble either can be remedied or it cannot. If it can be, then set about it. If it cannot be, dismiss it from your consciousness or bear it so bravely that it may become transfigured into a blessing.—LILLIAN WHITING.

Notice

The National Office will be closed during the month of August. All mail addressed to The Daughters of the King, Room 84, Bible House, Astor Place, New York, N. Y., will be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary.

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Important Notice

Many letters have been received at National Headquarters reading thus: "To whom shall we send our Whitsuntide Offering for the Master's Fund?" The answer is, "To The Daughters of the King, Room 84, Bible House, Astor Place, New York, N. Y."

The Secretary at National Headquarters in New York urges every Chapter Secretary or Treasurer to send a note to her stating the amount that has been contributed to the Master's (Whitsuntide) Fund, in order that in the event of any money having gone astray the matter may be investigated at once. In some cases Chapter and Diocesan Treasurers are taken ill and there is delay in sending money to the National Office. The note requested above will enable the Secretary at National Headquarters to record any amount not yet received and thus prepare a statement for the Annual Meeting, at which time all applications will be considered from candidates who desire to enter the Deaconess Training School.

Chapter and Diocesan Treasurers are urged to notify the Secretary at National Headquarters in case they fail to receive an official printed receipt for remittances sent. It is only by such co-operation on the part of Chapter and Diocesan officers that any money that goes astray and does not reach the National Office may be traced.

All remittances for Per Capita Tax, Self-Denial and Master's Fund Offerings, Crosses and Supplies should be sent to National Headquarters as follows:

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING,
Room 84, Bible House, Astor Place,
New York, N. Y.

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"When the outlook is not good, try the uplook."

FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1923, TO JULY 1, 1923

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1923		\$ 3,489.68
Dues	\$1,804.80	
Initiation Fees	498.10	
Crosses	126.90	
Literature	28.93	
Credit	77.68	
Subscriptions to THE ROYAL CROSS.....	5.50	
Postage and Exchange.....	3.95	
Rebate, Mrs. Ewing's Traveling Expenses.....	10.00	
For Bishop Reese's Pamphlet.....	2.15	
Stationery	5.94	2,563.95
Sale of Extension Bonds.....		1,785.95
Interest on Self-Denial Bond		21.25
Interest from Bank.....		38.14
Self-Denial Fund		2,140.40
The Master's Fund		294.50
From the National Council for Extension Work.....		499.98
		<u>\$10,833.85</u>

Disbursements

Salary (six months)	\$ 750.00
Rent (six months).....	301.86
Printing	196.64
Crosses	307.00
Office Expenses—Postage, etc.....	70.71
Office Furniture	12.98
Office Supplies	7.77
Assistance on Card Index.....	41.00
Telephone	25.35
Traveling Expenses	273.40
Bonding, Secretary and Treasurer.....	5.00
Safe Deposit Box.....	3.00
Expressage	5.05
Bishop Reese's Pamphlets.....	16.00
Cross for Office.....	3.00
THE ROYAL CROSS—January and May issues.....	1,257.50
THE ROYAL CROSS—Expenses of Transfer, etc.....	133.19
For Extension Work.....	950.00
Deaconess Ridgely's Salary (three quarters).....	675.00
Miss Carr's Salary (four quarters).....	750.00
	<u>\$ 5,784.45</u>

Balance July 1, 1923..... 5,049.40

\$10,833.85

Divided as follows:

Current Expenses	\$2,197.40
Self-Denial Fund	736.65
Extension Fund	1,820.85
The Master's Fund.....	294.50

\$5,049.40

HELEN M. F. ARNDT, Treasurer.

Notes from National Headquarters

Prayers are said at National Headquarters, New York, between 9:00 and 9:30 A.M. As there is strength in co-operation, the Corresponding Secretary would be grateful if many Daughters could find it convenient to set aside this time for prayer for the Order and for individual Daughters who need special prayer.

Daughters will be interested to learn that thus far there have been received at National Headquarters \$294.50 to apply toward the Master's Fund, which is "to be used each year to send some Daughter or other young woman who might not be able otherwise to go for the first year's training in a Deaconess School (the second year being taken care of by the Board of Missions, if she returns for graduation)."

The attention of Secretaries and Treasurers is called to the new ruling in regard to Registration (Initiation) Fees. According to the Constitution, every probationer is required to pay, shortly before being admitted, a Registration Fee of \$1.00. Upon receipt of this amount, a Silver Cross is sent.

If Daughters have suggestions or criticisms to offer, due consideration will be given to them if a letter is addressed to The Daughters of the King, 84 Bible House, Astor Place, New York, N. Y.

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Christ warned His disciples to beware of covetousness. "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." How well He had proved the truth of this, whose cradle was a manger, who had not where to lay His head and whose sole possessions when He died were the garments for which the soldiers cast lots!—*Selected.*

To die for one's faith is a noble, but not the noblest thing. To live for it bravely through hard and commonplace years, and often unnoticed by fellow-men—that may be a finer and still harder thing.

Calls for Workers

Dear Daughters:

The Church has at present definite calls for workers in every field in which it carries on its work, which fields are as follows: United States, Alaska, Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, Hawaiian Islands, Mexico, Panama Canal Zone, Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, Santo Domingo, Africa (Liberia only), China and Japan. The chief kinds of missionary work carried on by our Church are Evangelistic, Educational, Medical, Social and Business. There is a crying need for clergymen, physicians, teachers and trained social workers. There has been a good response from business workers, trained nurses and women evangelistic workers. The chief requisite qualifications may be classified as follows: Spiritual make-up, sound health, good education.

Daughters are asked to use their influence and to encourage young people who have the above-mentioned qualifications, in order that they may be assisted in their purpose in every way possible. Parents should be encouraged to be willing to give up their children to serve the Church when the call comes. Unwillingness on the part of parents is very often a great drawback to the fulfillment of God's plans, and the seriousness of the situation should be pointed out.

The Department of Missions welcomes correspondence on any questions pertaining to Missionary Service at Home and Abroad. Address Rev. A. B. Parson, 281 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Please give the above earnest thought "For His Sake."

Faithfully yours,
BARBARA HORN.

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So should we live that every hour
May die as dies the natural flower—
A self-reviving thing of power;
That every thought and every deed
May hold within itself the seed
Of future good and future meed;
Esteeming sorrow, whose employ
Is to develop, not destroy,
Far better than a barren joy.

—HOUGHTON.

OUR BISHOPS' SERIES

Sermon by the Rt. Rev. DAVID LINCOLN FERRIS, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Western New York

"What is That in Thy Hand?"

(Exodus 4:2)

Moses was standing on the slopes of Horeb beside a bush that burned with fire but was not consumed. During his years of exile the Unseen had become for him a great reality through which the material world was subordinated. The burning bush was the symbol of the sacred fire which illuminated the Being Who spoke to him and Who was kindling in the world the light of the true religion destined never to go out. Jehovah was revealing Himself to Moses as the self-existent: "I am that I am." The place where Moses stood was holy ground. Associated with the revelation was a commission fraught with grave responsibility. He was being admitted into "privileges and duties." "Come now and I will send thee to Pharaoh that thou mayest bring forth my people out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go? And Jehovah said unto him, What is that in thy hand? And he said, A rod." Then followed such a revelation of God's power that Moses yielded to the request, and became a liberator of his people, their leader and legislator, one of the world's greatest men.

This incident has more than a passing interest for us as we consider our relationship to the Master and to the Order. Like Moses, we too have stood on holy ground. Before the Altar God has spoken to us. The burning bush has been transformed into the symbol of "the Cross shedding its rays of light abroad," witnessing to our vow of devotion "to take up our Cross and follow after Him." We have been admitted to a share in the "privileges and duties" of the Order. That means that each one of us is pledged to definite work for the Master—spiritual in motive and co-operative in principle. My experience is that our Order would grow more rapidly in both influence and numbers if only

persons could realize that neither the Master nor the Order expects of any member a service which is beyond her ability to accomplish. We are endowed with a certain amount of common sense to tell us whether we are or are not fitted for certain types of work. But to make that the excuse for doing nothing is in essence the sin of omission. No one "is sufficient for these things," these tasks of spiritual service, in one's own strength. But it does give us confidence if we will keep in mind that God never calls us to a task without being ready to supply us with the strength to accomplish it, if we only ask and trust. Too often we want to be the reservoirs of power instead of the channels of power. And it does make a good deal of difference as to our attitude towards our task. To offer excuses is to do as Moses did, and so jeopardize the opportunity to do a work for God for which He may perceive that we are peculiarly fitted. Let us, in such event, at least be willing to do as Moses did and accept the challenge when once our duty is made plain to us.

The change in Moses' attitude was occasioned by the divine question: "What is that in thy hand? And he said, A rod." God knows our equipment just as He knew that of Moses. If we have only one talent He deals with us after a different method than if we have five or more. Each one of us has something in one's hand, something which we can consecrate to the service of the Master through the Order. What it is differs with the individual—time, strength, education, some qualification or experience. We have grown so accustomed to carrying it about with us that we hardly realize it, but it is there. "What is that in thy hand? And he said, A rod." Just a simple shepherd's rod that I am carrying with me, partly for protection and partly as an aid in climbing about on the slope

of the mountain. It is not anything of value, just a rod! What equipment have you for the Master's service? What talent have you that you can employ for His sake in the Kingdom? You have the talent of bringing comfort to the sick; you have had an experience that led you deep down into the shadow and know how it feels when your feet begin to slip; you have had the privilege of musical education and the gift of a soothing singing voice; you have the gift of leadership and the power of organization, just what is needed in your parish to bring new life into it; you have been a diligent student of the Bible, and through it God has so often spoken to you, and you know just the verse that would comfort the shut-in, lift the burden from the heavy-laden, give courage to the weak-hearted, a pathway to the tempted, a steadier in the day of power, a gleam of hope in death's dark night; you have a few hours of leisure each week which you could devote to some form of Christian service if only you knew where and how to go about it; you have some material possessions of which you could devote more to the Master. These things are so common, they are just a part of your personal equipment, the things that you use every day in your round of life, and, asked about them, "What is that in thy hand?" why, like Moses, you would be inclined to say: "Oh, that is nothing of special significance. I never thought the Master could use that in His service. In fact, it is just a rod." But, devoted to the Master, it can work wonderful things for Him.

Do let us take account of stock, let us consider what it is that we could use in His service, and then devote that talent, that time, that equipment to Him. If we could pray more I think we would also work more. It is not so much that we want more of God in our hearts as it is that God wants more of us in His heart. He is ready to give us all we need or desire if only we will give to Him of ourselves what He both needs and desires of us, and that is our whole being, our whole personality, our all. In His hands the rod becomes the symbol of leadership, of power, of a sacred commission.

The Daughters of the King

O King of Kings, most glorious! Thy Daughters, pledged, are we;
And on our flag, inscribed in gold, is "SERVICE—LOYALTY."

Before Thy Triune Majesty we humbly bow and pray

For grace to keep us faithful still, however hard the way.

And Thou, O Blessed Jesus Christ, our Brother and our God!

Whose Precious Blood, in service dread, was poured on Calv'ry's sod;

Grant us to feel Thy Presence sweet beside us as we work,

That, doing all for Thy dear Sake, we may no duty shirk.

And if our path of service, too, shall mean the Dol'rous Way,

That we, on our small Calvaries, the price of love shall pay;

Lord, keep us faithful to the end, that, suffering with Thee,

We still may serve the King of Kings, and His true Daughters be.

Fill us, O Loving Father, with bright visions of that day

When all the earth shall hail Thee, Lord, and live beneath Thy sway;

When sin no more shall boast its pow'r; when self shall lose its throne;

When men, as brothers, side by side, Thy Fatherhood shall own;

When we, like Miriam, shall sing; like Deborah, rejoice;

Like ancient Israel's Daughters, for joy lift up our voice

To greet the hosts of victory returning from the strife,

Led by the Captain Glorious, Thy Son, the Prince of Life.

Lord, fill us with the vision bright, that we may clearly see

That all our simple, daily tasks live in that victory;

That, though at times they seem so dull and commonplace, and small,

They are, in truth, the jeweled stones which build New Zion's Wall.

—C. F. HINTON, Rector of St. John's, Mason City, Iowa.

(The above is reprinted by request with the suggestion that it be used as a hymn, sung to the tune of No. 403, "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem." We know of at least two Local Assemblies that are using it in this way as one of the hymns for their meeting.—EDITOR.)

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES

First Province

(PROVINCE OF NEW ENGLAND)

The Mary Lester Sexton Chapter has been organized at St. James' Church, Westville, Conn., with fourteen charter members.

A group meeting of The Daughters of the King of Middlesex Archdeanery, Connecticut, was held on May 23 with the Bishop Williams Chapter, at Holy Trinity Church, Middletown.

Archdeacon Alcott, assisted by the rector, Dr. German, celebrated the Holy Communion. Dr. German gave a most helpful and suggestive charge on the principles and work of the Order, emphasizing the great need of personal consecration of the members.

Informal conferences were held before luncheon and at the afternoon session. By the advice of the clergy present, the members voted that they would offer to co-operate with the Church Mission of Help in any way in which Bishop Brewster thought best. This matter will be further considered at the Local Assembly in November.

These group meetings are really most helpful in a very practical way, as questions can be brought up and thoroughly discussed in a manner impossible at a larger gathering. J. N. McLEAN.

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Second Province

(PROVINCE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY)

Provincial Meeting

NEW YORK CITY,
March 9, 1923.

The fifth meeting of the Council of the Second Province, held in New York City March 9, 1923, was a particularly interesting one, as we were honored by having with us some of the National Council members, who were in New York for a National Council meeting.

It was a happy privilege to meet our new President, Mrs. Felix Ewing, of

Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. T. W. Williams of Houston, Texas, National Chairman of the Juniors; Mrs. Humphreys, Jacksonville, Florida, Editor of THE ROYAL CROSS; Mrs. Lamb of Denver, Colorado, a loyal member of the Council; Mrs. Rice of Hartford, Connecticut, and our own representative on the Council, Mrs. George Ames, Cortland, New York. Meeting these officers, the Council of the Second Province feels confident the administration of the Order is in the hands of deeply spiritual and capable women, and know the Order must surely grow and be strengthened under their spiritual influence and direction. May God's blessing and Holy Presence be felt whenever and wherever they meet.

There were of our own members the following present: Mrs. Adler, Mrs. Hehre, Mrs. Fowler, Miss Behlendorff, of New York Assembly; Mrs. Ames, Central New York; and Mrs. Pettit, Miss Jeffers and Mrs. Leiser of Long Island.

Mrs. Adler, President, opened the meeting with prayer for the Order.

The Secretary's minutes were read and approved, and \$10.00 balance reported in treasury.

A letter from Mrs. Handsfield was read and one from Mrs. Tinklepaugh and Miss Ashton reported.

Mrs. Adler announced that she had appointed a Vice-President to the Council in each Assembly of the Province, to have charge of the Extension work, as follows: Mrs. Tinklepaugh, Moravia, N. Y., for Western New York Assembly; Mrs. G. Ames, Cortland, N. Y., for Central New York Assembly; Mrs. Fowler, Bronxville, N. Y., for New York; Mrs. F. N. Handsfield, Rockville Center, for Long Island; Mrs. Seager, Montclair, N. J., for Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Adler made the suggestion that each chapter appoint a Daughter to do Extension work, calling on rectors in that locality. Mrs. Ewing suggested that The Daughters of the King endeavor to

encourage Bible study wherever possible as outlined by Daughters of the King lessons available free of charge at National Office.

Extension funds were considered, and a motion was made by Miss Jeffers, seconded by Mrs. Ames, "That all Extension funds be held by the Provincial Treasurer, and that any balance left from Nation-Wide Campaign fund held by Assembly Treasurers be returned to the Provincial Treasurer." Carried.

Motion made and carried that the money contributed for the Master's Fund be sent to the Provincial Treasurer, marked "Master's Fund." Mrs. Ewing said that this plan would probably be followed in all Provinces.

Mrs. Ewing announced that Miss Eva Carr of Seattle, a graduated Pharmacist, was the Daughters' new missionary now working in China and struggling with the Chinese language.

Mrs. Adler then asked Mrs. Ames, our National Council member, to tell us of the National Council meeting. Mrs. Ames expressed her pleasure at being our representative, spoke of the great privilege and inspiration it had been to attend such a splendid meeting, and told us some of the decisions made. First, that, appreciating the necessity of advertising in the local Church papers, a Publicity Committee was appointed; that the Provincial Presidents are to appoint a representative to each Summer Conference; that literature of the Order would be available at Conferences; that the Provincial Presidents appoint a Provincial Vice-President in each Assembly to have charge of Extension work in each Assembly; that several corrections and changes in Hand-Book and Prayer for the Order were to be made; that the Order endeavor to establish chapters in the Church Schools for girls; that the Rev. Dr. Freeman, rector of Epiphany Church, Washington, D. C., a member of the National Council of the Church, was made Chaplain of the Order; that the Council recommended to the members Bishop Reese's Bible Readings and Personal Prayers, which would be for sale at the National Office at ten cents the copy; that Mrs. Loaring

Clark, of the Province of Sewanee, had been appointed Business Manager THE ROYAL CROSS, Mrs. Ruge resigning; that the Council is considering change of National Office to the Church Mission House, the matter being left in the hands of a committee; that THE ROYAL CROSS will be issued hereafter in February, May, August and November; that bonds valued at \$1,800.00 would be sold and \$200.00 be given to each Province for Extension work; that Miss Barbara Horn had been elected Corresponding Secretary of the Order; that a form of report had been adopted for use of all chapters and Provinces, reports to be made in January and July each year. Mrs. Ames said the meeting had been a great inspiration to her, and she was confident the Order would make great progress in the future.

Mrs. Ewing spoke of the future plans the Council hoped to carry out and expressed her pleasure at meeting with us; and invited any member to "talk to her by mail" whenever they wished, as she desired to know as many of the members as possible.

Mrs. Adler then introduced Mrs. T. W. Williams, National Chairman of the Juniors. Mrs. Williams said the Juniors were going to be taken care of and have separate reports; just as the Seniors, and she hoped before long they would have their own Assemblies; that Vice-Chairmen would be appointed in each Province, in charge of Juniors and Extension work. She asked for suggestion of someone for the Second Province.

The Secretary was instructed to notify Provincial Secretaries that reports of Assemblies be sent in January and July.

Summer conferences were then discussed with the result that Mrs. Adler appointed Miss Carrie B. Millard, of Rochester, to represent the Order and be leader at the Geneva Conference, July 2-13.

Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. G. Louis Beacon, New York, for place on program at the Geneva and Princeton Conferences.

Miss Jeffers moved that Mrs. A. Adler

be the representative at Princeton. Seconded by Mrs. Leiser. Carried. Mrs. Adler accepted.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Gilbert Lesourd, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for place on program at Silver Bay Conference, leader to be named later.

It was announced that our Synod would meet next time at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Adler then introduced Mrs. Humphreys, Editor of THE ROYAL CROSS, who very graciously responded by saying how much she had enjoyed meeting the members of the Second Province. She said that it had been a great inspiration to her to attend the National Council meeting, and that we were to be congratulated in having so good a representative as Mrs. Ames on the Council. She invited correspondence and article and items of interest for THE ROYAL CROSS.

The meeting adjourned, Mrs. Adler reading prayers, all feeling that the Second Provincial Council had completed a very helpful meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA L. LEISER,

Secretary-Treasurer, Second Province.

Local Assembly of the Diocese of New York

At the Local Assembly meeting of The Daughters of the King in the diocese of New York, held in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss E. E. Behlendorff; Vice-President, Mrs. F. H. B. Fowler; Secretary, Mrs. Alfred Adler; Treasurer, Mrs. F. A. Sanboen.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Olive F. McConkey, the retiring President, for her faithful and loving service to the Order during her many years of office. To Mrs. K. Here, the retiring Treasurer, was given a rising vote of thanks for many years of faithful service as the Diocesan Treasurer.

The meeting was a splendid one, the chapter reports caused considerable enthusiasm and a spirit of thankfulness that the Daughters were privileged to serve their Master in so many ways.

The speaker of the afternoon was the Rev. J. W. Chapman, of Anvik, Alaska. At the church service at 8:00 o'clock the rector, the Rev. J. A. Wade, greeted the Daughters and expressed his appreciation of the faithfulness and helpfulness of his own chapter. Dr. Stetson of Trinity Church preached the sermon.

Reception for National President

On Wednesday, January 17th, at 8:30 P.M., The Daughters of the King of the diocese of New York were privileged to entertain their National President, Mrs. Felix G. Ewing, of Cedar Hill, Tennessee, in the Church of the Beloved Disciple, New York City.

The rector, Dr. Van De Water, welcomed her heartily, and more than one hundred members were on hand to greet her. She gave us a rousing talk on the future plans of the Order and requested our co-operation. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

JOANNA H. ADLER, Secretary.

Third Province

(PROVINCE OF WASHINGTON)

Local Assembly of the Diocese of Washington

The twenty-seventh Annual Convention of The Daughters of the King of the Diocese of Washington met in St. John's Church, Georgetown, on Thursday, April 26. It began with a Quiet Hour at 10:00 A.M. conducted by the Rev. George F. Dudley, D.D., of St. Stephen's Church. Dr. Dudley took for meditation the words from the Communion Service, "And here we offer and present unto Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies to be a living and holy sacrifice unto Thee."

The Corporate Communion was celebrated at 11:00 o'clock. The Rev. John Moses, rector of St. John's Church, was the celebrant. He was assisted by three other priests of the diocese. The names of all of the Daughters who had passed into eternal life since the last convention were read, that they might be held in remembrance during the celebration of the Blessed Sacrament.

After the Communion the Council was organized by the President, Miss Ada Vouté. The roll call showed 233 members present, representing 27 chapters. Adjournment was made at one o'clock for luncheon; the meeting was called to order again at two-fifteen by the President for the business session. The President gave a most interesting report of the work of the various chapters throughout the diocese.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$109.27 on hand. The Junior Directress, Miss Susan Keech, reported that while no new chapters had been formed since the last convention much interest was being manifested by the Juniors in the various activities undertaken by them. Plans were discussed for the entertainment of delegates from the other dioceses of the Third Province who will attend a convention of The Daughters of the King in connection with the Provincial Synod to be held in Washington next November.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Miss Ada Voute, President; Miss Lila Soper, First Vice-President; Mrs. R. A. Menefee, Second Vice-President; Mrs. H. G. England, Recording Secretary; Miss Julia F. Dickinson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Esther A. H. Arnold, Treasurer; Miss Mary Kurtz, Junior Directress.

A committee was appointed to purchase the furnishings for an altar that The Daughters of the King are planning to give the Tuberculosis Hospital of Washington, D. C., as a memorial to the deceased Daughters of this diocese.

Miss Vouté and Miss Dickinson were elected delegates to the Synod meeting and Mrs. Brooke and Mrs. England alternates.

After arrangements had been made for the meetings for the coming year the convention adjourned at 6:00 P.M. for supper and a social hour. The evening service which began at 8:00 o'clock was a fitting close for the successful convention. The music was by the girls' choir of the parish and a shortened form of Evening Prayer was read by the rector. The sermon was preached by the Rev. William H. Pettus, rector of St. Mark's Church. He took as his text, "The love

of Christ constraineth us." He spoke of the great spiritual value of the Order of The Daughters of the King to the Church and what a blessing it was in these times to have an Order whose great object is spiritual.

Respectfully submitted,
BLANCHE MITCHELL ENGLAND,
Recording Secretary.

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Fourth Province

(PROVINCE OF SEWANEE)

Nashville, Tennessee
Inspirational Meeting

An all-day inspirational meeting was held Thursday, May 31st, at Christ Church, Nashville, Tennessee, which was attended by representatives from all chapters of The Daughters of the King in the various parishes in Middle Tennessee. Mrs. Joseph Gibson, Vice-President of the Local Assembly, presided and read a poem of welcome composed by Mrs. Cornelius Hawkins, a member of Christ Church Chapter.

The morning session was opened with the celebration of the Holy Communion by Bishop James M. Maxon, assisted by Rev. Philip S. Gilman, rector of St. Anne's Church, Nashville, and Rev. James Sharpe, rector of St. Barnabas' Church, Tullahoma, Tennessee. The Bishop gave a brilliant address on the Evangelistic Program of the Diocese, followed by a forceful and appealing meditation conducted by Rev. Henry Salmond, St. Peter's Church, Nashville, the subject being Sympathy and Personal Contact.

Rev. H. K. Douglass was present, coming with a goodly number of women from St. Peter's Church, Columbia, who are forming a chapter in that parish. He spoke enthusiastically of the Order and said he thought no parish or mission could afford to be without a chapter.

The afternoon program included five-minute talks from chapter presidents. Social service was represented by Miss Kate Edmondson, Church of the Advent, Nashville, in her work at Elizabeth House, White Bluff, and by Mrs. William Dismukes as President of St. Luke's Community House, West Nash-

ville. Mrs. Felix G. Ewing, National President, was present and gave a history of the Order, telling the purpose of the organization, and what it has accomplished, and spoke of the aggressive work planned for the future. It was a great pleasure to have Mrs. Ewing with us, and her message was enthusiastically received.

The day closed with an inspiring talk, "A Praying Order and Extension", by Miss Matilda Porter, Chairman of Extension Work in the diocese. Miss Porter has already met with signal success in the forming of chapters.

MRS. JOSEPH GIBSON,
*Vice-President, Local
Assembly of Tennessee.*

Memphis, Tennessee
Children's Organization

At the last meeting of The Daughters of the King of Memphis, in their Local Assembly held in May, 1923, we were told by Mrs. W. T. Lourance, of Buntyn, Tenn., of an idea that she has just put into use which, it is believed, will prove beneficial to all.

This idea, which has already been put into effect, with much success, by Mrs. Lourance, is to organize the young children in the Church into a band to become the future Junior Daughters of the King. She has taken this group of little girls, and, in their weekly meetings, has taught them to sew in a simple way and to do numerous acts of kindness for other people. They have their little service and a certain amount of teaching, especially in the gentle art of behavior in church. The little girls are so interested, and attend very regularly. They are of different ages, and, of course, their services vary greatly according to their abilities.

It seems a lovely thought to have these little girls trained in prayer and service, and ready to become Junior Daughters of the King when old enough. I feel sure they will prove most intelligent and earnest workers.

Resolution Passed by Christ Church
Chapter, Nashville, Tennessee

"With hesitancy and humbleness, and a full knowledge that this is no new idea

(it having been discussed many times in chapter meetings and Local Assemblies), profoundly conscious that there is much prayer of the highest order in the daily and personal life of The Daughters of the King:

"Resolved, That we, Christ Church Chapter, Daughters of the King, go on record urging a revival of prayer, a re-dedication to our prayer vow, as the most vital feature in our service for the Master.

"That we make individual daily intercession a more practical, definite part of our work, by means of a standing Prayer Committee, co-operating with the Church's plan of prayer, upon which each member of the chapter shall serve during the year.

"That this committee receive, from all sources, requests for special and general intercessions (always kept secret, of course), and pledge themselves to concentrated prayer as long as desired or deemed expedient.

"That we ask to have this plan made a National Endeavor, that a great wave of prayer be started over the whole United States by The Daughters of the King, and that, first and foremost, The Daughters of the King be known as a Praying Order."

Local Assembly of the Diocese
of Florida

The fifteenth Local Assembly of the diocese of Florida was held in Holy Trinity Church, Gainesville, May 15, 1923. At 9 o'clock twenty-four met in the church for our Corporate Communion, Rev. Rufus B. Templeton, celebrant. On account of the Bishop's ill health, we missed his usual charge, which is so much comfort and so helpful to each Daughter through the year; but the few words of Dr. Templeton gave us something to think over and wonder if really we can keep on wearing the cross.

At the business meeting following in the Parish House, the following chapters were represented: Apalachicola, Mrs. John G. Ruge; Jacksonville, St. John's, Mrs. W. E. Arnold; St. Mary's, Mrs. W. S. Humphreys, Julia S. Stockton, Mrs. Brobston, Miss Somerville; St. Augustine, Mrs. Ella B. Terwilliger.

An exceptionally instructive paper was written and read by Mrs. A. W. Underwood. Could each Daughter live up to her suggestions, the world would be much happier for our being in it.

Officers' reports were followed by attention being called to the facts that the collect accepted by the Convention as the Daughters' collect, the one for the seventh Sunday after Trinity, was offered by Mrs. John G. Ruge, and that all money was to pass through the Local Assembly Treasurer to the Corresponding Secretary.

The President's address was, as usual, full of loving helpfulness.

The following were read: A letter from the National President regarding the Master's Fund; a petition from the Atlanta Local Assembly which has been sent to all chapters regarding election of three members from each province to serve on the Council, same being acted upon favorably; a letter urging prayers of all members for Candidates for Holy Orders; a letter from the National President on co-operation with the Brotherhood in the matter of family prayers, a motion being made by Mrs. Underwood that it is the sense of this Local Assembly that we endorse the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in their efforts to revive family prayer, and accepted by the Assembly.

The report of the Convention at Portland was given by Miss Somerville, for which a rising vote of thanks was given. Those present at Portland were Miss Somerville, Mrs. Hindry, Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. Ruge.

A letter was read by the Secretary explaining the Bishop's Chapter, which is functioning satisfactorily in Central New York, and which we hope will soon be taken up in our diocese.

On motion of Mrs. Brobston, it was voted that a copy of Mrs. Underwood's paper be sent to each chapter. Noon-day prayer was offered by Dr. Templeton.

At the afternoon session, a resolution, presented by the Committee on Courtesy, Mrs. Hindry, Miss Somerville and Miss Livingston, was adopted.

Mrs. Humphreys gave an interesting report of the Council meeting in New

York, telling of our new missionary to China, Miss Eva S. Carr, but she was interrupted by the entrance of Mr. Bloor, who had come to speak to the Daughters. He took for his address the Ascensiontide. The Daughters appreciated the words spoken to them by Mr. Bloor, after which Mrs. Humphreys continued her report. We were informed that Bishop Reese, of Southern Ohio, had compiled a book, the title of which is "Bible Readings and Personal Prayers." This book can be obtained from the Secretary at the Bible House. Another note of information from Mrs. Humphreys was that the Council voted to ask Dr. Freeman, of Washington, to be the Order's chaplain, and that it was expected that the Order would receive only \$1,000 this year from the Nation-Wide Fund, which is a most distressing fact for us.

Miss Somerville reported the desire of putting calendars of church services in all stations and hotels. Mrs. Hindry reported that their chapter in St. Augustine had put framed notices in hotels.

The Assembly stood with bowed heads in silence in memory of Bishop Tuttle and Bishop Harding.

It was suggested that the Daughters read a book entitled "The Life of Simon Peter."

There was an open forum on the Convention of the Brotherhood and Daughters, which was held in Seattle, Wash., previous to the meeting in Portland. Daughters of this Local Assembly asked to be put on record as unanimously desiring the two conventions to be held at the same time, and delegates were instructed to report decision at the Provincial meeting at Chattanooga. Delegates elected to the Provincial Meeting are Mrs. John G. Ruge and Miss Anna B. Orr; alternates, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Underwood.

On motion of Mrs. Humphreys, it was voted that the Secretary be instructed to send a note of love and appreciation to our Bishop; also one to Bishop Tuttle's family.

The hymn for the Order followed and the Local Assembly closed with prayers for the Order. FANNIE F. RUGE,

Secretary of the Local Assembly.

Sixth Province

(PROVINCE OF THE NORTHWEST)

Diocese of Colorado

The thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second meetings of the Local Assembly of The Daughters of the King in Colorado were held on November 1, 1922, at St. Mark's, Denver; on February 5, 1923, at St. Peter's, and on March 14, 1923, at St. Andrew's, respectively.

The so-called All-Saints' Meeting, following the custom of years, was held in the chapel of St. Mark's Church at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, with eighteen members of the Order present. Celebration of the Holy Communion was followed by a most inspiring talk upon the motto of the Order by the Rev. Herbert W. Prince, rector of St. Mark's Church. He said, in part: "Bear with sturdy mind the Cross, His Kingly emblem; bear it not as a heavy burden, but as a war cry. Use it as a sign to the world that we have come, first, to Him, and then carry it as a challenge to the world. Wear it as a symbol of grace and power and virtue."

The Quinquagesima Meeting was held at St. Peter's Guild Hall. A supper for thirty-two members and visitors was enjoyed at 6:30, followed by a brief business session at 8:00 o'clock, when roll call was responded to by each one present with a quotation from the Bible. An invitation from the rector of St. Andrew's to hold the next Local Assembly with the Bishop Randall Chapter was extended and accepted. Then Mrs. Von Muehler, a returned Church Missionary, told of her experience in China. She had taught in St. Hilda's School at Wuchang and at Chang Sha in the province of Hunan. The relating of incidents of her life as a teacher and an extensive traveler through China gave a fascinating hour to her hearers. Mrs. Lamb told briefly of her experiences at the convention at Portland, showed pictures and reports and a map, the latter giving a comprehensive idea of the large area comprising the Sixth Province, in which this diocese is located. She told us that at a meeting of the National Council it was requested that The Daughters of the King co-operate with the Brotherhood of

St. Andrew in re-establishing the old custom of family prayer, and in adopting a set of Bible lessons, to be used in this connection. The support of this Local Assembly was voted.

The Mid-Lent Meeting was held at St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Supper was served at 6:30 to twenty-five members and guests. Then Bishop Ingley talked, leaving us with fresh inspiration to carry on "His work, which we are called upon to do." A brief business meeting was called by Miss Clinton. There were prayers and roll call. Subscriptions having expired to several Church periodicals placed a year ago in the Public Library, a resolution to continue these subscriptions during the current year was adopted. The Chair urged attendance at the Quiet Day for Church Women, to be held at St. Barnabas Church on March 28th. There followed an acknowledgment of the hospitality extended by the members of Bishop Randall Chapter to the Local Assembly and a most gracious reply from the Rev. Father Halderman, rector of St. Andrew's. The evening program was concluded with an impressive talk by the Rev. Father Stanley upon the subject, "Three Kinds of Prayer."

MILLIE NEEDHAM WIRTS,
Corresponding Secretary.

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Seventh Province

(PROVINCE OF THE SOUTHWEST)

The Diocese of Texas

Number of Chapters in Diocese of Texas, 7; Number of Members, Trinity Chapter, Houston, 30; Transfiguration, Houston, 16; St. Mark's Chapter, Beaumont, 33; Trinity Chapter, Galveston, 34; St. Paul's Chapter, Waco, 13; Tyler, 6; Holy Cross Chapter, Harrisburg, 2; Number of Junior Members, Holy Cross Chapter, Harrisburg, 9.

Each chapter in the diocese is faithfully carrying out the two rules of the Order—Prayer and Service.

Work in the Five Fields of Service

PARISH

Five of the chapters have entire charge of the altars in their respective churches—furnish and keep up the linens and

candles, polish the brasses and secure flowers for the altar.

A flower calendar for every Sunday and special days has been arranged by three of the chapters. This flower calendar is placed in the vestibule of the church and gives the members of the Church an opportunity of giving flowers for the altar as a memorial.

A number of Daughters teach in the Church schools.

The choir vestments are taken care of by the Daughters.

The Daughters of each chapter visit the new members in the parish and are ready always to assist the rector in whatever way their services are needed. They make an earnest effort to bring people to the church and children to Sunday school.

On May 27 a Quiet Hour Service was held by each chapter in the diocese. It was most inspiring and helpful.

Each chapter has a hospitality committee appointed each week to greet strangers as they come into church and assist people who are not familiar with the Prayer Book to follow the services.

St. Mark's Chapter, Beaumont, and Trinity Chapter, Houston, each has a committee working with the Church Service League in their respective towns serving the following branches: Educational, Hospitality, Motor Corps, Recruiting and Social Services.

COMMUNITY

The Daughters visit the sick and the shut-ins, the hospitals and jails.

Many acts of kindness are performed, such as taking flowers, fruit and delicacies to the sick and shut-ins, magazines and daily papers to the hospitals and jails.

Letters of cheer are written whenever the need presents itself, and many acts of charity are done.

Baskets of food are sent to needy families at Christmas and Thanksgiving.

The Daughters of the King in Galveston have made 631 surgical dressings for the Red Cross Public Health Service, and one Daughter in this chapter takes care of and keeps clean the clothing of two charity patients.

Money and clothing are given by two of the chapters to the Orphans' Home.

The Beaumont and Galveston chapters have arrangements made for Holy Communion once a month at the hospital.

Transfiguration Chapter of Houston made a layette for a needy mother and hope to meet the demand when needed.

DIOCESE

One Daughter from St. Mark's Chapter, Beaumont, sent two girls to the diocesan camp for girls at Camp Allen, and the Daughters from Holy Cross Chapter, Harrisburg, sent four girls to the diocesan camp at Camp Allen.

Two of the Daughters of Trinity Chapter, Houston, and one Daughter of St. Mark's Chapter, Beaumont, are counselors for the Young People's Service League.

During Trinity season each chapter has a week of self-denial. This Trinity Self-Denial Fund is used for the purchasing of Communion vessels wherever needed in the diocese.

One new chapter, the chapter in Tyler, was organized this year.

NATION

Clothing is given and sent to Missions and to the needy from wherever a call comes.

Holy Cross Chapter of Harrisburg supplies a little girl in Virginia with clothing the year round.

Furnishings and literature for the Seaman's Institute is supplied by two chapters in the diocese.

A radio receiving set was secured through the efforts of the Daughters of the Trinity Chapter, Houston, and sent to an ex-soldier in Arkansas, who is going blind.

WORLD

During the Epiphany season each chapter has a week of self-denial. This fund is sent to our Missionary in China. This fund this year amounted to \$98.76.

Clothing was given during this year by the Daughters in the different chapters to the Armenians and money to the Near-East Relief Fund.

A box of Christmas ornaments was sent to Alaska and several books were given to the University in Tokio, Japan.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. B. McCLOY.

A Day of Prayer at Harrisburg, Texas

Dawn, daybreak, sunrise, clouds of gold, heart of a city; on its outskirts a town. A man of God arises, wends his way from the heart of the city to the town, and entering the House of his Lord, in the early dawn, kneels to greet Him. The day is to be a day of prayer and intercession by the combined chapters of The Daughters of the King of Houston and Harrisburg, Texas. The man of God, Bishop Clinton S. Quin, serves at the altar. With strength the day is begun. As its hours glide, a quickening of the Holy Spirit makes tense each heart.

Come and go men of God, bringing with them thoughts of prayer, leaving behind them a benediction.

The Rev. Valentine Lee.

Prayer is keeping the heart attuned to God, not to try to change the will of God—that is impossible; but to conform our wills to God's. "Thou hast given us the power over our wills. Why? To make them Thine."

Go to the mountain top, seek the heights. The devil cannot attack you there, he dare not; you are with your Lord. But come back to the plains and wrestle with the devil, for he will attack you there. But having come from the presence of your Lord, you will have the strength to confound the devil.

The Kingdom of our Lord is unlike any kingdom of this earth. Our Lord, the King, came to serve, not to be served.

Be a profitable servant. Do more than is expected of you, extra service. The tragedy and the glory of the Christian life. The way seems hard, but overcome; the glistening brightness of His face, the glory transcends the tragedy.

Prayer and meditation.

The Rev. George Ossman.

Ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened.

Christ cannot open the door. Better to open the door while He is our Saviour than to wait until He is our Judge. The door will have to come down, even though it come down with a crash, its hinges rusted. We don't think seriously enough about it, but will surely face it. The smiting of the conscience is Christ's

knock; softly to a little child, loudly to the hardened sinner. Sometimes Christ enters through joy, sometimes through sorrow, sometimes through a friend. Sometimes we open the door grudgingly, only to realize later the joy of His presence.

The quiet hour needful. First pray, then listen. Everything is lost through not listening quietly after prayer for God's answer. It will come.

Prayer and meditation.

Mr. Parker Love then read of the Great Silences. Man the world over is realizing more and more the necessity of silence. It is not prayer but a physical relaxation to let the spiritual enter, allowing the Master to take full possession.

Prayer and meditation.

The Rev. William Garner read a sermon on the predestination of the Virgin Mary. That Mary was trained by God. He did not take just anyone, but trained her from childhood. Then she had the privilege of accepting or rejecting the motherhood of our Lord. Her prudence, consent and self-abnegation. Not as Zacharias, did she ask for a sign, the latter displeasing in God's sight, but prudently tried to discover whether the spirit was a good or an evil one. Then her consent, knowing all the sorrow which it would entail. The exquisite pain of it all; her self-abnegation. She knew He was to be a man of sorrows.

A true Daughter of the King, prudence, consent, self-abnegation.

Prayer and meditation.

The Rev. Thomas Windham.

Hired at the third, sixth, ninth and eleventh hours. Yet at the end of the day all were paid the same. Selfishness cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. A sower went forth to sow, some of the seed fell by the wayside, some on stony ground, some on good soil, some among thorns and thistles. The seed of humanity, sown by God, is all good seed. The power is in the hand of humanity as to its growth and the bearing of fruit.

Prayer and meditation.

What is prayer? It is talking to the unseen, personality mingling with personality, mind with mind, interchange of thought. God always answers prayer; sometimes yes, sometimes no, sometimes

wait, but always an answer. There is a conscious and an unconscious prayer. Man in ages past breathed consciously, now unconsciously. A little child says one word, then two or three, finally talking unconsciously. So with prayer, first haltingly, conscious that we are praying, then unconsciously, finally without ceasing, praying subconsciously as we sleep. Prayer helps God, just as interchange of thought of one human being with another is helpful to both, as a parent and child are helped by contact and fellowship. So it is with the heart of God, our Father. He is helped by our contact with Him and we in return become fearless and full of confidence, knowing in His hands we are safe.

Burdens are blessings in disguise. Your strength is in sitting quietly. Always bustling, strength is lost.

Sometimes God's answer seems to be no, but in reality is yes. We see the light later.

Softly came the strains:

"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide,
The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, Oh, abide with me."

ELLEN A. DIMALINE.

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Eighth Province

(PROVINCE OF THE PACIFIC)

Annual Convention, Diocese of Los Angeles

The twenty-second annual convention of The Daughters of the King in this diocese was held in St. John's Church Friday, January 26th. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 9:30 A.M. with Dr. Davidson celebrant, followed by an earnest address by Father Ruggles, Chaplain of the Order in this diocese, his text being St. John 1:38-41. He laid great stress on the duty of the Daughters being faithful to their vow of prayer and service, trying each day to bring some soul to Christ, saying it is not necessary to go into the foreign field to do our duty, for it may be a member of our own family or someone in our immediate neighborhood who needs us. Andrew first brought his own brother Simon. Christ said, "Come and see, and they

came and abode with Him." We must abide with Him, filled with divine love and sympathy, and try to make this year's work definite and spiritual. If we are filled with enthusiasm and have divine love and sympathy in our hearts, we may go forth with spiritual power to accomplish all things.

Then followed the Bible Study Class led by Father Ruggles, who showed the harmony existing between Collect and Epistle and Gospel in our Prayer Book for each Sunday, making the well-balanced Christian year. A helpful discussion followed. The afternoon meeting opened with Dr. Phelps, President, in the chair, and a telegram from Mrs. Ewing, sending love and greetings, was read. The roll call of the different parishes with number of members followed, with St. James' and St. Barnabas' Chapter heading the list with twenty-one members present.

Mrs. W. F. Pascoe, diocesan delegate to the Triennial Convention held in Portland in September, gave her report. She spoke also of attending a Local Assembly meeting of the Daughters in Vancouver, B. C., a few weeks later. It was unanimously decided to adopt the Bible study course for the Order as compiled by Christ Church Chapter, Nashville, Tennessee. Announcement was made of the Bible Study Class to be held on the fourth Friday of the month and conducted by Father Ruggles in the Parish House, Los Angeles, and each chapter was asked to send as many as possible.

Chapter reports were given, and it was decided unanimously that the same officers be re-elected—Dr. Phelps, President; Miss Catherine Power, Vice-President; Mrs. Annetta B. Rafter, Secretary-Treasurer.

Bishop Johnson made an eloquent plea for each Daughter to take one day a week to hunt up the lonely to visit and cheer. He said that none of us lose by the spirit of friendliness; our friends crave other things beside bread and butter, cake and tea; they crave our confidence, and there is no better work than to give of our love and sympathy. We must learn to be hospitable, to take them into our hearts as children of the same God. Speaking of the value and need of

intercession, he said that nothing gave him greater joy than to know a little band of women were praying for him. We should get in the way of cultivating the habit of practicing being in the presence of God, remembering the words, "Be still and know that I am God."

Bishop Stevens followed, speaking of the great good it did him to see so many Daughters present, which meant more publicity and a larger influence for more chapters, and said there was need of Daughters for extension and altar work in the parishes.

Deaconess Wile made a strong plea for the Leper Colony in Japan. Father Ruggles dismissed us with the Benediction.

ANNETTA B. RAFTER, *Secretary.*

Eastern Oregon

The Dalles, Grace Chapter

In giving a short report of Grace Chapter of St. Paul's, The Dalles, Oregon, the beginning of our chapter might be of interest as well as encouragement to others. Our chapter, I think, is the only one in Eastern Oregon, although I may be mistaken.

Grace Chapter was organized in November, 1905, with ten charter members, five of whom are still active workers. We have had during these years thirty-two members, three of whom have been called by death and some have moved to other localities. Our present membership is fifteen, with two out-of-town members. In the years that have passed since our organization we have been instrumental in furnishing many of the needs of altar and chancel, which we keep in perfect order, and in doing any and everything which can in any way assist the rector or add to the beauty of the Church services. We are not in any sense money makers, our only revenue being dues (twenty cents a month) and personal gifts from friends or members.

Members are appointed by the President to serve on altar duty, and each member is on duty for one month, and at the end of her term of service completes the work under her charge by having everything pertaining to the altar in perfect order for the member who assumes the duties for the ensuing month.

Our aim is faithfully to obey the two rules of the Order, aid our rector, wear the cross and spread the principles of the Order.

Respectfully submitted.

ALICE L. SHELDON, *President.*

Los Angeles, California

Annual Report SS. James' and Barnabas' Chapter

The membership of SS. James' and Barnabas' Chapter of The Daughters of the King is thirty-one, one of whom is an honorary member. We have initiated five new members, admitted two from other chapters and lost three by death during 1922.

Ten regular meetings have been held, with an average attendance of twenty, with three extra sewing days.

For our Bible study we have read each month in our homes one of the books of the New Testament, and at the regular meetings discussed the outstanding thought of that book, and responded to the roll call with the verse that appealed to us, or comforted us, or encouraged us the most. In addition we have always had representatives at the monthly Bible Class under the leadership of Father Ruggles.

We have endeavored to make a practical application of our scriptural readings to twentieth century conditions. Kindness, sympathy and charity have ever been the sign and test of spirituality, so we have tried to exemplify the LOVE that controlled every word and breath of the Master as suggested in the following quotations:

"I was a stranger and ye took me in," having made 824 calls on strangers in the parish, invalids and Church members since last report.

"I was naked and ye clothed me," having collected, repaired and distributed 1,395 articles of clothing to the following institutions: The Bishop's Guild, the Church Home for Children, the County Hospital, and Rest Cottage for convalescing women.

"While we have time, let us do good to all men, and especially to those of the household of faith," having given five dollars to the Altar Guild, furnished flowers for the altar one Sunday, and

two members serving in this Guild; having made suitable articles for a bazaar, valued at the sum of forty dollars, and presented them to the Sorority; having two regular teachers in the Sunday school, and furnishing substitute teachers on call of the rector; having delivered the 343 gifts from the Manger Service of the Sunday school to the Church Home for Children; one of our members serving as choir mother; giving a subscription of the Literary Digest and the Ladies' Home Journal to the County Farm, and the Literary Digest to the Seaman's Institute at San Pedro.

"I was sick and ye visited me," one of our members giving each Tuesday of the year to visiting the inmates of the County Hospital, and at Christmas time twelve capes and ten fancy bags were given to the loneliest of the lonely in the woman's ward.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God is this, to visit the fatherless and widows," having clothed, helped feed, and given Christmas cheer to a mother with seven children under eleven years of age.

"If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give that little." As an organization we have not made money; nevertheless we have been stewards of the amount of \$1,380.59, all but about \$24 of which has been disbursed.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RICHARD MERCER,

Directress Emeritus.

MRS. H. R. SANBORN,

Directress.

MRS. M. A. HUNTLEY,

Vice-Directress.

MRS. DAVID E. SPANGLER,

Treasurer.

MISS CARRIE A. CLARKE,

Secretary.

REV. RAY O. MILLER,

Rector.

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There is only one real failure possible; that is, not to be true to the best one knows.—CANON FARRAR.

God pays highest for the service upon which we put no price.

The Bible

The Bible is the greatest moral textbook the world has ever known. It contains the finest short stories in existence; the most thrilling biographies in all history; the most ideal love stories; the sublimest poems; the keenest epics.

In the sciences we find astronomy, botany, medicine, law.

In art we have architecture, music, sculpture.

These subjects alone would make a library of precious value, without a word being said about the things that have made it immortal through its great ethical and spiritual teaching, as evidenced in prayer, which incorporates in its life self-control with all its virtues, love with all its power, obedience with its results, each one of which opens up a tremendous avenue for thought and study.

Let us flee to it as the prime educator for all time and for all the nations of men.

There is no answer that we cannot find hidden in its depths.

HARRIET B. MORGAN.

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O, there is much, so much, that waits our doing!
God's call comes to us in the morning hours,
And when the noontide sun the earth is wooing,
And when the night dew gems the sleeping
flowers.

Yes, every hour is given to us for action,
And we must work while yet 'tis called today,
If we would have the holy satisfaction
Of helping others on the heavenward way.

So 'tis, one simple act inspires another,
One loving deed leads on to higher life;
'Tis often in our power to help a brother,
Laden with cares, and worn with worldly
strife.

O let us, then, do deeds of loving kindness,
The little things so often we forget,
Until, too late, we wake to see our blindness,
When some loved one we mourn with lashes
wet.

MRS. A. P. JARVIS.

Learn to commend thy daily acts to God, so shall the dry everyday duties of common life be steps to heaven, and lift thy heart thither.—Edward B. Pusey.

The Fragrance of Life

Sermon by the Rev. DANIEL LEWIS, Salem, Virginia

"... And the house was filled with the odour of the ointment."—St. John 12:3.

This incident in the life of our Master is full of beauty and pathos. It is the act of a woman who manifests the tenderest feeling for One whose feeling was ever of the most exquisite tenderness. Mary, the sister of Lazarus, had found a new life, a new hope, a new power, sitting at the feet of her Master.

When He stopped at Bethany on the way to Jerusalem, His friends made Him a great supper; and while they reclined at the table, there came in one, all unnoticed by other friends, until she gave expression to that immortal love which has ever been the one inextinguishable ray of light in the life of man.

I. LOVE FOR LOVE'S SAKE

Mary breaking the alabaster cruise of ointment over the feet of her Blessed Master gives conclusive evidence that in her affection He is embalmed: and even as in her heart His love is made immortal, so in His heart is her love immortalized. In this we see the twofold nature of man, even as we see the twofold nature of the Master. *He lived close to God. He lived close to humanity also. Mary lived close to the Master. She, too, lived close to humanity.* We remember the Master lived so close to the frontier life, the life that opened Godward, that one day His garments were shot through with light, and they became white and glistening; and He lived so close to humanity that the single deed of a woman opened up to Him the heart of humanity, and He saw Himself in her heart, the embodiment of love. So did Mary live so close to the Master that she had learned the secret of what He most desired; and, too, she is so much one of the crowd that she is able to impress upon them the secret of what makes life immortal—even *love for her Master, which creates love of man for man.*

We find in the Old Testament a parallel case to this. David's men at the risk

of their lives brought to Him water from the well of Bethlehem. If David had done the natural thing, and have drunk the water, we probably would not have the story; but he did not drink the water. It seemed to him too precious, too deeply tinged with the blood-red spirit of risk and sacrifice. Inspired by the beauty of the deed, David poured out the water, an offering to the Lord. He loved God so much as not to withhold from Him the most precious gift. He loved his brave men so much that he showed them that their gift was too dear to be applied to personal use, but a fit offering unto God.

The Master on the cross, pouring out His soul an offering for sin, is the greatest example we have. His life was too rich an offering to keep for Himself, but fit for the outstretched hand of God who received it.

My people, this was the spirit of Mary. It is for us to have the same spirit—to reveal the inner heart of man by love for the Master. From your midst this morning have come these to be invested as Daughters of the King. They have in your presence, in the sight of God, made their vows of prayer and service, in keeping of which they will keep close to God, and close to humanity. Henceforth will their lives be colored and deeply influenced by the unparalleled devotion and sacrifice of the Master. This sacrifice of the Master must call to you, Daughters of the King, to pour out the life that is given you in the highest way of sacrifice and service.

II. WHOLE-HEARTED DEVOTION

The precious ointment was not in a bottle from which the stopper could be taken; and the ointment poured out drop by drop; but it was a hermetically sealed flask, from which when once opened the whole must be poured out; for what was left would be wasted, ruined. The act of Mary must ever be the way. She calculated not the cost but measured the

gift by the whole-hearted devotion of the offering. From Mary we must learn whole-hearted devotion, whole-hearted consecration to the Master and to our fellow-men. A mixed love, a divided interest, a compromising conscience, a life that is offered drop by drop *is not the offering to be made, is not the life that lasts.*

We have been richly blessed. We too often take our blessings as a matter of course. Our life, richly blessed—oft-times at a tremendous cost to others—must be poured out in sacrifice for our children, for humanity, for the Master; must be poured out like the water of Bethlehem, like the perfume at Bethany, like the life of the Blessed Master; must be poured out without counting the cost, *as a real sacrament of life; a complete, undivided offering of love for love's sake.*

III. THE HOUSE WAS FILLED WITH THE ODOUR

As we read of the odour of this ointment filling the whole house, so are we impressed with the fact that the life of this woman fills the world of human hearts with the sweetness and power of her sacrifice. The unfolding, revealing life of the Master in the life of man is like the sweet-scented rose which blossoms over night, filling the air with its fresh, dew-touched perfume; and, my people, the fragrance from the stainless life of the Blessed Master permeates the life of human hearts to-day, filling life with joy and beauty. As you and I move about our homes, go in and out among our neighbors, making little sacrifices, doing little nameless acts of kindness, daily presenting a life of unselfish devotion, offering unto God on the altar of human feelings the sweet-scented incense of sacrificial service, you will find that the *fragrance of your life* will fill the whole house and community where you live.

IV. THE IMMORTALITY OF DEEDS

So impressed was the Master by this act of Mary that He was moved to say, "Whosoever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of as a memorial of her."

The deed which was done that day has lived through many years, and still lives. It comes to us, an holy offering, pregnant with the odours of a saintly life. This act of Mary is immortal.

Let me impress upon you this morning the thought of the immortality of your deeds. They never die, but live on and on and on long years after you are gone and another has taken your place. Those who hear me this morning carry the influence of the deeds of others; and years and years from now there will be others here whose lives will show the impress of your influence which you now exert. Let the touch you give be a touch impelled by the Divine. Let the offering of your life be rich with the fragrance of love Divine.

And you, who this morning have been made Daughters of the King, have assumed a large responsibility and privilege. May your life be an offering made to God; a life filled with service for your fellow-men; a life whose fragrance will fill all life about you with sweetness.

And as we come this morning to be blest by the richest offering heaven could send to earth, let us receive the love of the Master into our hearts, and we ourselves offer upon the altar of consecration a life whose fragrance saturated with the incense of immortal love shall make all life sweet and beautiful. May we touch the lives of all about us, and through them, touching others, thus sweeten and ennoble the life of coming generations, and so make glad the heart of Him to whom all life is offered. Amen.

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What Can We Do for the Children?

In December it was my privilege to attend a meeting of a clerical club in Western Massachusetts, where there was an opportunity to explain our work quite fully. I was invited to remain to listen to the papers and discussions.

Some of the things I heard about the children of this country are truly alarming and should sound no uncertain call to every Daughter of the King "to be up and doing."

A survey has recently been made in a certain number of typical cities, towns and rural districts to ascertain what proportion of the children are receiving religious instruction in our Protestant Church schools.

This survey disclosed the most appalling fact that *only between thirty and forty per cent of the children between the ages of four and sixteen were connected in any way with any Church school.*

In our own Church schools the enrollment has increased to a greater per cent than the membership, but with the exception of the Methodist Sunday school, the enrollment has decreased in proportion to the membership.

No instruction is bad enough, but what is far more alarming is the work of the Socialists with the children. It is reported that in New York City alone there are 100,000 children attending so-called Socialistic Sunday schools. They have what they call a baptism when each child is presented with a red flower and promises to fight all his life long for the principles of Socialism.

Remember this is no Christian Socialism, but Socialism in its terrible and radical type. Think of this, and of the children of Russia debarred on pain of death from any Christmas celebration this year.

Can we do better than to make it a vital point of our work to systematically search out all children who have no church home and invite them to come to us?

By dividing the town into districts it would be easy for the members of any chapter to make such an effort, and in cities where there are several chapters, it might be done coöperatively. As we all know there is no surer way of reaching the older members of the family, especially the mothers, than through the children.

Let us all consider earnestly and prayerfully this crying need of the children and do what we can for them for the sake of the future of our Church and our Country.

JULIA N. McLEAN.

Are We Honest With Ourselves?

As daily we pray in the exquisite prayer for the Order that we may think nothing, do nothing, and say nothing that may injure ourselves, our neighbor, or His holy work, do we as Daughters ever keep this before us in our daily lives? I fear we forget often, yes, very often. It is so easy, and alas, so pleasant sometimes, to delude ourselves, and we say and do things that hurt us and our neighbor, never realizing that right then we are "injuring God's holy work." If the Order of The Daughters of the King stands for anything, it surely means that among ourselves we must first have character, we must be honest.

Let us analyze the deep meaning found in this prayer. First, "To think nothing." Here is a task for an angel. Second, "do nothing." Here we find strenuous work for a saint. Third, "say nothing." Here we are brought face to face with the divine in ourselves if we follow this prayer.

As we women gather together once a year, perhaps, to receive and exchange new thoughts, new lines of work, to carry back to our chapters inspiring reports of the work the Daughters are doing everywhere, let us remember that our Lord said in His Sermon on the Mount, "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted?"

So let us try to impress upon ourselves first, as we are gathered here together, then to impress upon our chapters when we report to them, that we cannot accomplish the blessed work of the Order unless we ourselves are beyond reproach. We must be examples. We must ever strive to keep away jealous thoughts, and it will be a striving, too. We are so prone to forget the many little things that in kindness and good-fellowship have been done for us. Through thoughtlessness we in return by act and word so often hurt our neighbor, consequently ourselves, and hinder God's holy work.

In the prayer for "Moral Courage" we pray, "Thou knowest how much I care for the opinion of men. Help me, I beseech Thee, to care more for what will please Thee." The courage that displays itself in silent effort and endeavor, that

dares to endure all for truth and duty, is moral courage of the highest order in man or woman. Let us have the courage to seek and speak the truth, courage to be just, courage to resist temptation, courage to do our duty. So let us, then, examine ourselves daily as we pray, and when the tempter strives with us to make us act, say and do the little things which we know are not honest, but which, because we have a desire to please for the moment may lead us to make promises, or to pretend concurrence in others' opinions, or to condemn when we should uphold, then it is that that portion of our daily prayer should rise before us and make us ashamed.

We are but human; but in this day of scepticism and unbelief we must gird ourselves anew, striving honestly to overcome those things that will bring discredit upon ourselves or our Order, and injure God's holy work.

Let us then thrust from us as we would a pestilence every tendency toward little deceptions and untruthfulness, let us ring true in all our thoughts and doings, for it is only thus that we can further God's holy work. Then can it truly be said of us, by those who are ever on the alert to criticize and condemn, that we are in truth The Daughters of the King.

SARA BRINSON UNDERWOOD.

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The Temple

When each home is a temple,
Its every room a shrine,
Its hearth a sacred altar
Inscribed to things divine;
When each eye is the circle
Reflects that altar flame,
Each mealtime sacramental
Unto the Wondrous Name;

When each morn is a prayer-time,
Each evening hour is blessed
With all the grace and kindness
And all the peace of rest;
When each task is a service,
Each word a psalm of praise,
The world will swing in sunshine
Through all the golden days.

—CLARENCE E. FLYNN, in *The Congregation-
alist*.

Religion is the best armor a man can have, but it is the worst cloak.—RUNYAN.

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then"

Being Procrastinated

"Ah want to be procrastinated at de nex' corner," said Erastus Pinkly to the street-car conductor.

"You want to be what?"

"Don't lose your temper. Ah had to look in de dictionary myse'f befo' Ah found out dat 'procrastinate' means 'put off.'"

A music hall artist was talking to a journalist friend who was on the staff of a newspaper not always to be relied upon for the accuracy of its statements, and the comedian was chafing him about it.

"I tell you what, old man," he said. "What you really want is a bishop on your staff."

"A bishop," gasped the other, "whatever for?"

"Well," smilingly answered the comedian, "some of the statements in your paper are in great need of confirmation."

Too Good to Be Satisfactory

Mrs. Higgins was an incurable grumbler. She grumbled at everything and every one. But at last the vicar thought he had found something about which she could make no complaint; the old lady's crop of potatoes was certainly the finest for miles round.

"Ah, for once you must be well pleased," he said, with a beaming smile, as he met her in the village street. Every one's saying how splendid your potatoes are this year."

The old lady glowered at him as she answered:

"They're not so poor. But where's the bad ones for the pigs?"

Why Editors Leave Town

Mrs. J. T. Miller read an article on "Personal Devils." Seventeen were present.—From the Boone (Ia.) *News-Republican*.

The first fall meeting of the Ladies' Matinee Musicale will be held in the Central Christian Church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.—*The Columbus (Ind.) Republican*.

JUNIOR PAGE

Contributed by the Junior Daughters of West Palm Beach, South Florida

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see,
And what I do in anything
To do it as for Thee.

All may of Thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean
Which with this tincture "For Thy Sake"
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant, with this clause,
Makes drudgery divine:
Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.
—GEORGE HERBERT.

But Once—No More
But Once I pass this way.
And then—no more.
But once—and then, the Silent Door
Swings on its hinges,
Opens closes,
And no more
I pass this way.
So while I may,
With all my might,
I will essay
Sweet comfort and delight
To all I meet upon the Pilgrim Way,
For no man travels twice
The Great Highway
That climbs through Darkness up to Light,
Through Night
To Day.
—JOHN OXENHAM.

Yesterday's rain is over,
And yesterday's buds are flowers,
There's life in the air
And the land is fair
Because of yesterday's showers.

Yesterday's griefs are over,
But yesterday's joys remain.
The skies that were gray
Are sunny today—
Why fret about yesterday's rain?

St. Patrick's Hymn

Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.
(Copied from card on wall in G. F. S.
Hostel, London.)

What the Christ Said

I said, "Let us walk in the fields."
He said, "Nay, walk in the town."
I said, "There are no flowers there."
He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the sky is black;
There is nothing but noise and din,"
But He wept as He sent me back,
"There is more," He said, "there is 'sin.'"

I said, "but the air is thick
And fogs are veiling the sun."
He answered, "Yet hearts are sick,
"And souls in the dark undone."

I said, "I shall miss the light,
And friends will miss me, they say."
He answered me, "Choose tonight,
If I am to miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given,
He said, "Is it hard to decide?
It will not seem hard in heaven,
To have followed the steps of your Guide."

I cast one look at the field,
Then set my face to the town,
He said, "My child, do you yield?
Will you leave the flowers for the crown?"

Then into His Hand went mine,
And into my heart came He;
And I walked in a path divine,
The path I had feared to see.
(Author unknown to sender.)



In Memoriam

Sarah Morris Schmidt

God in His wise Providence has called to her Eternal Home Sarah Morris Schmidt, for twenty years a beloved member of St. Augustine's Chapter, No. 84, Daughters of the King.

Miss Schmidt was a charter member of St. Thomas' Chapter in Brooklyn. Her work as parish visitor at St. Augustine's Chapel, Trinity Parish, is seldom equaled. Numbers were brought to baptism and confirmation through her untiring efforts. For several years she was directress of this chapter and leader of the Woman's Bible Class and was active in many other organizations.

May her good works follow her, "For His Sake."

LOUISA BOHNING, *Secretary.*

Mrs. Fitzer C. Pinney

Mrs. Fitzer C. Pinney, a Daughter of the King in the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, passed recently into the Land of the Great Beyond.

Her Christian service will ever be missed and her memory cherished with tender affection and loyalty.

C. H. B.

Thy word is true, Thy will is just;
To Thee we leave them, Lord, in trust;
And bless Thee for the love which gave
Thy Son to fill a human grave
That none might fear that world to see
When all were living unto Thee.

—JOHN ELLERTON.

Perfect Trust

I may not always know the way
Wherein God leads my feet;
But this I know, that 'round my path
His love and wisdom meet,
And so I rest content to know
He guides my feet where'er I go.

I may not always understand
Just why he sends to me
Some bitter grief, some heavy loss,
But, though I cannot see,
I kneel, and whisper through my tears
A prayer for help, and know He hears.

My cherished plans and hopes may fail,
My idols turn to dust,
But this I know, my Father's love
Is always safe to trust;
These things are dear to me, but still
Above them all I love His will.

Oh, precious peace within my heart;
Oh, blessed rest to know
A Father's love keeps constant watch,
Amid life's ebb and flow;
I ask no more than this; I rest
Content, and know His way is best.—*Unknown.*

CANADIAN PAGE

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Annual Meeting, British Columbia

The seventeenth Annual Meeting of the British Columbia Local Assembly of The Daughters of the King was held at Christ Church, Vancouver, B. C.

The conference opened at 9:00 o'clock with the Holy Communion service, celebrated by Rev. W. W. Craig, D.D., rector, assisted by Rev. G. H. Wilson, rector of St. Michael's Church and chaplain of the British Columbia Local Assembly.

The members and visitors assembled in the schoolroom, where the business meeting was held. Miss Ruby Seymour read the second chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy, and Rev. G. H. Wilson led in the prayers of the Order. Miss Blaney, president of Christ Church Chapter, extended a hearty welcome to the visiting clergy, members and friends, and expressed the hope that the conference would be a real blessing to all. Miss Seymour read a letter from Miss K. F. Sadleir, Hamilton, Ontario, conveying greetings from the Canadian Council and members of the Ontario chapters, and expressing appreciation of the efforts of the British Columbia Local Assembly in the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Greetings from The Daughters of the King Conference held in Hamilton, Ontario, and from Mrs. H. H. O'Dell, Ocean Falls, a former member of St. Michael's Chapter, were also read. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were read from the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and from several of the local clergy.

The roll call showed fifteen delegates present and a total attendance of seventy-five members and visitors. The Secretary-Treasurer reported a total membership in the British Columbia Local Assembly of eighty-eight badge members and twelve probationers.

Western Jurisdiction

The following resolution, which had been passed by the Canadian Council at their recent meeting in Hamilton, was read:

"That the Local Assembly of Vancouver be asked to appoint a secretary to take charge of all work of the Order west of Winnipeg, and failing this that the Local Assembly of Vancouver shall have complete jurisdiction over the work of the Order in British Columbia."

It was decided this should be left over, to be dealt with at the next joint meeting of Vancouver members, and that in the meantime each chapter be asked to discuss it.

In her address the president gave a review of the work of the past year and extended a cordial welcome to the new badge members. She spoke briefly on the word "time", stressing the importance of taking time for prayer and Bible study. "How often do we speak with our Lord and feed on His Word?" she asked, adding, "there is such a thing as Christians rushing around, doing so much that appears service for God, until there is no time to spend with Him in secret and very little in the study of His Word. Just as there will be physical weakness if there is a lack of proper nourishment, so if we neglect to feed on His Word we are naturally weak and unable to do the personal work that we should be doing."

Practical Work

The reports gave a brief outline of the activities of the chapters.

Christ Church Chapter reported twelve badge members and twelve probationers, five of these having been admitted during the past year. The members assisted with a Missionary Loan Exhibition, supported a child in the Zenana Mission, sent contributions to the Araucanian Mission and paid many visits to the hospital. They are planning to celebrate shortly the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of their chapter, the first in British Columbia.

St. Michael's Chapter reported eleven badge members and one probationer—

one member having been admitted during the year. At their meetings they had been studying the book, "Our Church at Work," and had been addressed by special speakers. Their work includes chancel, parish visiting, Sunday school, C. G. I. T. and other parish activities.

St. Saviour's (Junior) Chapter, Nelson, reported eight members and three probationers. During the year the members sewed for a girl in the Alert Bay Mission School, visited the hospital, carried out the work of the Font Roll of the Sunday school and entertained the babies of the Font Roll and their mothers.

St. Luke's Chapter, South Vancouver, reported seven badge members. The subject of the Bible study has been "The General Purport and Attendant Features of the Individual Books of the Bible." The members welcome strangers at the door of the church, sing in the choir and teach in the Sunday school. At an initiation service, in October, two members were admitted to the Order.

St. Thomas' Chapter, South Vancouver, after working for three months as a probationary chapter, held its first admission service on Whitsunday, thus entitling it to a charter. The members have visited the sick, taught in the Sunday school, cared for the chancel and flowers and assisted with the music. Bible study has been part of St. John's Gospel. The membership, at present, is six.

A letter read by Miss Hilda Cartwright from Mrs. S. Morgan, a member of St. Paul's Chapter, Seattle, inclosing a sample copy of "An Outline of Bible Study," drawn up for the use of the members of the Order in Canada and the United States, commended it to the use of the members in British Columbia. A short report of the work being done in the diocese of Olympia was also read.

In the Field

Rev. A. T. F. Holmes took the chair for the next part of the program and called upon Miss F. J. Buller, who gave a brief sketch of the work being done by various members of the Order in the field, including Miss Wade and

Miss Lucas, in China; Miss Page, in MacKenzie River District; Miss Hawkins, in Japan, and Miss Hellaby among the Chinese in Vancouver. This served to give those present the most recent news of our missionary members. It was interesting to hear that Miss Lucas, after a furlough in England, has once more gone out to Southern China to take charge of a kindergarten there, and that Miss Dorothy Page is on furlough and expects to return in June of next year to her work among the Indians.

Miss Hilda Hellaby gave a talk on her work in the Chinese Mission. She mentioned that Miss Doris Muir, a new badge member, has recently been appointed to assist in the work, which nominally consists of kindergarten, Sunday school and Bible class teaching, a night school, mothers' meetings, hospital and immigration work. These, she explained, are the things they are outwardly working for, but it falls to their lot to do many other things each day for the Chinese people in order to win their friendship and confidence. She thanked the members of The Daughters of the King for their help and asked for their continued prayers that the work may be successfully carried on.

An address by Miss A. Cox, of the C. M. S., on "Missionary Service," proved most enlightening. The speaker illustrated her subject by certain verses from Psalm 45, showing that as the King's Daughter in the Psalm is "all glorious within" and "her clothing is of wrought gold," so now the true Daughter of the King must be clothed in Christ's righteousness if she is to bring others into the Kingdom.

Discussion, reading of papers, and election of officers followed, and addresses by Dr. Craig and Rev. G. H. Wilson brought the Convention to a close.

H. HIGHMORE, *Secretary*.

H. S. CARTWRIGHT, *Press Reporter*.



Prune thou thy words; thy thoughts control
That o'er thee swell and throng;
They will condense within thy soul,
And change to purpose strong.

—J. H. NEWMAN.