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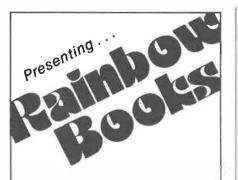
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One of the great Christian theologians who encourages us to ponder the mystery of creation is St. Irenaeus of Lyons, to whom we have long planned to devote several installments of this column.

Only a few facts about the life of Irenaeus are known. His name, a Greek name, means "Peaceful," but he lived in turbulent times for the early Christian Church. He was born in the Near East sometime in the first half of the second century, perhaps about 130 A.D. He evidently grew up in or near the ancient city of Smyrna (Izmir in modern Turkey), one of the oldest Christian communities (see Revelation 2:8-11). The bishop there, from whom Irenaeus learned Christianity, was St. Polycarp, who was martyred as a very old man in 156 A.D. We celebrate his feast on February 23. Polycarp, in turn, had been instructed by the aged Apostle John. By this chain of long lives, Irenaeus conveyed into the third century of the Christian era a witness to the Gospel only two generations distant from the apostles of our Lord.

Irenaeus went, possibly as a Christian missionary, to Gaul-the area we now call France-and settled in Lyons, an important city on the river Rhone. Near Eastern Christians had followed this route of commerce up from Marseilles where then, as later, Syrian business people traded. He became a presbyter or priest under Bishop Pothinus. Irenaeus was directed to take letters from Lyons to the Bishop of Rome, protesting against the current heresies and sects which had developed. While he was in Rome in 177 A.D., the government martyred Pothinus and a number of others in Lyons whom we commemorate on June 2.

On returning to Lyons, Irenaeus was chosen as bishop to succeed Pothinus. It is in the next few years that he evidently devoted himself to writing his great theological work, *Against Heresies*. In the following years, he sought, apparently successfully, to persuade the Roman bishop to acquiesce to the fact that the Eastern Churches observed Easter on a different date. He also wrote a short treatise called *The Proof of Apostolic Preaching*. He is believed to have died shortly after 200 A.D. Although he is often referred to as a martyr, we really know nothing of his death. His feast is on June 28.

Irenaeus based his thought on the Bible and on the rather few other pieces of Christian literature available at the time. Subsequent ancient Christian writers (who are usually called "the Church Fathers") also draw much from Irenaeus and some quoted him extensively. During the next few centuries, his writings were also translated into Latin, Syriac, and Armenian. Still later, during the middle ages he was largely forgotten and his works did not attract attention again until the sixteenth century.

Irenaeus did not consider himself a great writer of literature, but rather as a pastor and missionary among the Celtic people of Gaul who spoke a language related to Welsh and to the Gaelic of Scotland and of Ireland. Using the editorial "we," he thus speaks of himself near the beginning of *Against Heresies*:

You will not expect from us who are resident among the Celts, and are accustomed for the most part to a barbarous language, any art of expression which we did not learn, or any power of exposition which we have not practiced ... but what is kindly written to you, simply, truthfully, and without affectation, do you kindly accept (A.H., Book I, Preface, 3).

In spite of his sometimes tedious style of writing, Irenaeus is of special interest to me. It is ultimately because of him that this column is written. Having studied him first as a theological student at Berkeley Divinity School 30 years ago, and then having dug deeper into his writings as a graduate student under Fr. Georges Florovsky, the eminent Russian Orthodox theologian, I have found myself permanently molded by this perceptive Christian writer who lived so long ago, but who remains united to us in the communion of saints and in the bonds of the Catholic faith which he so ably ex-THE EDITOR pounded.

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No Anglican Evangelism

"Episcopalians and Evangelism" by Bede Thomas Mudge, OHC [TLC, Dec. 10] contains the statement, "Our [evangelistic] methods must be those of our own ethos ... and not just those imported from other traditions." Such a statement sounds sectarian because it belittles other Christian traditions. And there are problems with it.

First of all I question whether there is any such thing as a single Anglican "ethos." Rather we might speak of Anglican "ethoi": catholic, evangelical, liberal, conservative, charismatic, and so forth. They vary from diocese to diocese, parish to parish, and even from Episcopalian to Episcopalian.

And, second of all, if there is such a thing as an Anglican "ethos" I think we idolize it too much. Our ethos and heritage is peculiarly Christian. There is nothing peculiarly Anglican. We teach no faith but the Christian faith. We have no ministry, no sacraments, no creeds, not even a spirituality that we can call peculiarly ours. We do not even belong to ourselves. We belong to Christ. We have only what we have received. So should be our evangelism.

Of all traditions, therefore, Anglican Christianity should be the most ecumenical and open to other Christian traditions. And yet we think we must have *Episcopal* cursillos, *Episcopal* Marriage Encounter, *Episcopal* expressions of almost everything, including evangelism.

The Lord is calling his people to be one in him. The last thing we need is to be closed in on ourselves. We do indeed need to do evangelism, but let us not turn Anglican Christianity into another divisive "ism." That would be idolatrous. Let us instead be open to the authentically Christian wherever it comes from. After all: It's an ecumenical age.

(The Rev.) H. SCOTT TONK St. Stephen's Church

Pittsfield, Mass.

Reconciliation vs. Salt

More salt rubbed into the wound was what Bishop Reus-Froylan's pontification in the "Briefly" column [TLC, Nov. 26] was: he was reported as having said there are "neither doctrinal nor theological reasons" for keeping women out of the priesthood. Every short while or so someone utters the same calumny. Is this whistling in the dark hoping that it will be so, or is it thought that by frequent repetition it will become true? Surely the bishop *et al.* have heard the theological, doctrinal, and traditional bases for opposition to the attempts at priesting women. Do they not hear those reasons, or do they think that we who hold them will go away if the reasons are ignored? Or is it thought that matters pertaining to the church's orders are simply political and not theological and doctrinal in nature? Whatever the idea behind it, Bishop Reus-Froylan's statement, and others like it, rubs salt in the Episcopal Church's open wound and prevents any healing.

What ever happened to the policy of reconciliation espoused by the bishops? Bishop Reus-Froylan's statement certainly was not one of reconciliation-nor are the proliferation of civil suits and the depositions of faithful priests reconciling acts. But then, perhaps reconciliation is impossible and those who have left our beloved church to form either a new ecclesial entity embodying traditional Anglicanism or else a prospective uniate body are the wiser and the more faithful. But for those of us who remain reconciliation is not a luxury but a necessity. Toward this end perhaps a judicious application should be made of the two final General Rubrics from the Prayer Book's Holy Communion-providing for the informal excommunication or the repelling from Communion of impenitent scandalizers and refusers of reconciliation. I recommend that our Presiding Bishop consider using these provisions at the next meeting of the House of Bishops.

(The Rev.) Edgar Alan Nutt Bellows Falls, Vt.

Preaching Curates

I was dismayed by one line in your otherwise fine editorial on preaching [TLC, Dec. 17].

You said, "Some parishes have a curate or deacon who preaches periodically." I would hope that you would not encourage or designate as desirable a preaching schedule for parish clergy that only allowed for preaching by a curate from time to time.

This is a matter I feel very strongly about. First of all the definition of a priest in the Catechism of the Proposed Book of Common Prayer says in part, "to proclaim the gospel" is his ministry. Secondly it is a great privilege for a priest to preach the word of God, and it is a necessary outlet for him. Thirdly a curate is not a second-rate priest in a parish but should share equally in the duties of a priest, particularly as outlined in the Catechism. Fourth, I had the privilege of serving under a rector who provided me the opportunity to serve equally with him, including preaching, and it has helped me immensely since I have been a rector myself. I had a close friend who was a curate the same time I was, and when he was thrust into a parish by himself, he was lost because he had only preached four times in three and onehalf years. Finally, having experienced to this point three curates, I am convinced that the key to good relations and development of the new priest is the respect that can only come from the full sharing of that parish ministry.

I do hope the custom of restraining the few functions of priestly powers of curates will soon become a thing of the past in our church.

(The Very Rev.) ROBERT A. L'HOMME St. Paul's Church

Kankakee, Ill.

Shocked Bevond Measure

I was shocked beyond measure by the gratuitous attack made by the Rev. W.H. Aulenbach on the character of Dean John Rodgers and the new seminary which he heads [TLC, Dec. 24].

John Rodgers was a classmate of mine at V.T.S. and I know him to be a man completely devoid of "egotism and vanity." He is a believing Christian and a dedicated and able scholar and represents the finest type of our clergy.

As to the Trinity School for the Ministry, it is apparent that Fr. Aulenbach is unaware of the deep hunger by the faithful for a Gospel-centered ministry that is simply not being met by many graduates of those seminaries which he quite rightly declares "should be closed."

At a time when many catholic-minded clergy and laity have already "voted with their feet," it is incredible that he seems determined to force out the Evangelicals as well.

It is a sad commentary on the state of our church today that a seminary devoted to the teaching of God's revealed word should be clobbered with such pejoratives as "dissenter" and "fundamentalist." In the sense used in Fr. Aulenbach's letter they become badges of honor.

(The Rev.) WILLIAM S. REISMAN St. Philip's Church in the Highlands Garrison, N.Y.

Marrying and Being Married

In the article regarding the diaconate in the Diocese of Central Florida [TLC, Nov. 26] it states that these new deacons can perform certain functions, one of which is that they may "marry," though it later states that they cannot "bless."

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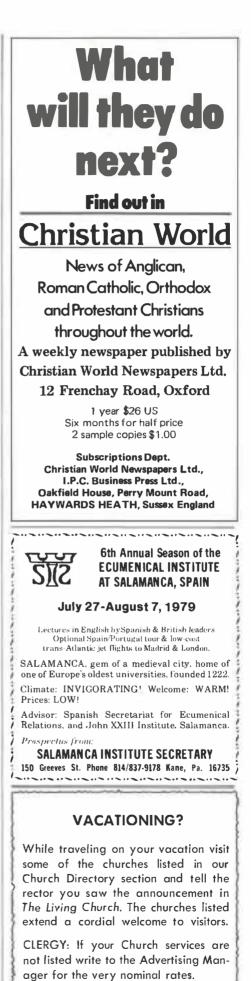
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Ecumenism, 1978

The 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking at an ecumenical symposium in April, said, "The way to conquer sad divisions is to discuss together, with common determination, our differences, and with God's power, the divisions will be overcome." Many attempts were made to bridge the "sad divisions" this year. Here are some of the highlights, as reported in THE LIVING CHURCH.

In January, five Welsh churches held their first joint celebration of the eucharist. The Church in Wales (Anglican), the Presbyterian Church of Wales, the Baptist Union, the Methodist Church, and the United Reformed Church held a joint service at St. Teilo's Priory in Cardiff. Church World Service, the relief agency of the National Council of Churches, sent out the first of many appeals for aid to Indochinese refugees. Four leading churchmen in Ulster issued a joint declaration expressing concern about alleged ill-treatment of suspects and prisoners in Northern Ireland, and the Bishop of Florida called "abhorrent" a directory which purported to list only "Christian-owned" businesses. The Rt. Rev. John H. Burt, Bishop of Ohio, and Roman Catholic Bishop James Malone, of Youngstown, joined forces to determine a course of action to reopen a Mahoning Valley steel mill. The Anglican-Roman Catholic Consultation in the U.S. (ARC) issued a second response to a statement made by its international counterpart, the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), on "Authority in the Church." Three important questions discussed in the ARC response were the Authority of the Laity, the Nature of the Primacy of the See of Rome, and Indefectibility and Infallibility.

February began with two bishops of the Church of England taking opposing positions on the subject of church covenanting and union. The Bishop of Hereford maintained that the divisions of the church in Britain were scandalous and nonsensical, but the Bishop of Southwell called on the church to follow the lead of the Roman Catholic Church in refusing to "sacrifice essential doctrine" in exchange for visible unity. Seventy Protestant, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Jewish leaders in the U.S. signed a pastoral letter calling for action against nuclear proliferation. In a rare joint statement, the British Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Commission for International Justice and Peace strongly condemned atrocities and violations of human rights occurring in Cambodia. Fr. Adrian Hastings, one of England's best known Roman Catholic theologians, called on his church to recognize Anglican holy orders and thus clear the way for intercommunion. The Archbishop of Canterbury made several appeals for greater eucharistic sharing between the two churches, and a national ecumenical hymnal was published in Australia. Ten thousand trees, attesting to the regard of American Jews for the memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., were planted in Galilee.

Early in **March**, St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church in Berkeley, Calif., and St. Alban Episcopal Church, Albany, Calif., agreed to enter into an eight-week ecumenical dialogue which involved lay people from both parishes. Presiding Bishop Allin and Mrs. Allin invited representatives of four national Jewish agencies to a kosher luncheon in New York for a discussion of mutual concerns. The Rev. Thomas J. Talley, professor of liturgics at General Theological Seminary, was elected president of Societas Liturgica, an international and ecumenical association of liturgical scholars. The Interreligious Council of Southern California opposed the socalled "Christian yellow pages," and six prominent Protestant theologians protested the Vatican's silencing of Fr. John McNeill, S.J., an acknowledged homosexual and writer. The American Jewish Committee (AJC), concerned about the anti-Semitic aspects of the Oberammergau Passion Play, thought in March that the town council had agreed to use a less explosive, earlier edition of the play to be presented in 1980. Unfortunately, the make-up of the council changed when elections were held, and the decision was reversed. The Bishop of Winchester urged the Church of England to recognize Free Church ministers "as truly ministers of the Word and sacraments," and several brothers from the ecumenical monastery at Taize in France opened a satellite community on the west side of Manhattan. Three world famous Christian leaders met in Milwaukee, Wis., early in March, and addressed themselves to the question, "Where is the One God calling his divided people?" The Most Rev. Michael Ramsey, 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, Leon-Joseph Cardinal Suenens, Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Belgium, and the Rev. Dr. Martin E. Marty, associate editor of the Christian Century and professor at the University of Chicago Divinity



The Rev. Dr. Martin E. Marty, LeonJoseph Cardinal Suenens, and the Most Rev. Michael Ramsey: "Where is the one God calling his divided people?"

School, enthralled the large audience with intellectual dialogue and a stirring call to recover the lost unity of the early church.

In April, "Save Our Valley" accounts were opened in local banks under the direction of the Mahoning Valley Ecumenical Coalition to form a seed money fund for the re-opening of the Campbell Works in Youngstown, Ohio. Following the end of a seminar in Rome, two Anglican bishops announced their impression that much progress had been made in relations between the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches since Vatican II. Methodist, Roman Catholic, and Anglican religious education agencies agreed to share resources and a former Roman Catholic college building in London. The Presiding Bishop and 25 other religious leaders signed an appeal for nonviolence, citing "an increasing number of violent and unlawful incidents associated with the continuing controversy over the issue of abortion rights." Many Christians made plans to wear the yellow Star of David and give peaceful witness to their solidarity with the Jewish community in the event of a Nazi march in Skokie, Ill. A prominent English Roman Catholic theologian and former priest, Dr. Nicholas Lash, was appointed to the Norris-Hulse Professorship in the divinity faculty at Cambridge University. It was the first time since the Reformation that such a chair had been held by a Roman Catholic. The Bishop of London, third-ranking prelate in the Church of England, joined the Archbishop of Canterbury in calling for intercommunion between the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England. The National Council of Churches deplored the "threatening effect" of the so-called Christian yellow pages, and urged clergy and lay leaders of member churches "to combat such forms of exclusivity and prejudice in every possible way."

It was reported in May that, for the first time since the Reformation, a Roman Catholic mass had been held in the Anglican cathedral at Lincoln, England. Roman Catholics from four counties attended. The Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Bishops of Liverpool and Stepney, were among the 167 signatories of an open letter of protest about conditions in South Africa, and the Rev. Edward Sydney Morrow, vicar general of the Diocese of Damaraland joined with two other Christian leaders in supporting the five-country plan for Namibian independence. The Rt. Rev. Richard Hanson, former Anglican Bishop of Clogher, took both Irish Roman Catholics and Protestants to task for their "lukewarm" attitudes toward ecumenism. Betty Williams, Mairead Corrigan, and Ciaran McKeown, the three leaders of Northern Ireland's Peace People Movement, stepped down so that others might have an opportunity for leadership. On May 30, an interfaith service of remembrance of the Holocaust was conducted at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and a bronze sculpture entitled "Auchwitz Memorial Figure" was dedicated.

A number of churches cooperated in June in measures which would limit the amount of coffee imported from Idi Amin's Uganda, and a leading Roman Catholic theologian in Britain warned the Church of England that "a distinct step backward" would result in relations with the Roman Catholic Church if the Anglicans entered into a covenant with the Methodist and other Free Churches. In the U.S., the Consultation of Church Union (COCU) voted not to meet in any state which had not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment.

In July, the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility charged that General Motors was cooperating in national defense plans in South Africa. Representatives of five black churches in Tennessee expressed their willingness to consider reconciliation with the Roman Catholic Church. Loudly declaring the mass to be a "blasphemous fable," the Rev. Ian Paisley, militant Protestant leader from Northern Ireland, interrupted the first such Roman Catholic service to be held in the House of Commons' crypt chapel since the Reformation.

Our news pages in August reported that the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow declared that the law of succession which excluded Roman Catholics from the throne of England was "a terrible slight" and urged its repeal. The General Synod of the Church of England endorsed the controversial Ten Propositions for unity in a vote of 367-92. The propositions, published by the Churches Unity Commission in 1976, ask the major British churches to join in a covenant to seek visible unity, and press for action on intercommunion, agreement on baptism, and mutual recognition of ministries. It was announced that an Ecumenical Feminist Trust would soon be launched in Britain to provide financial assistance for the training of church women. An editorial in THE LIVING CHURCH on the death of Pope Paul VI said, "Anglicans will remember him gratefully as the pope under whom the cordial ecumenical relations between our two churches developed." Leaders of all faiths expressed their sorrow at Pope Paul's death. At the Lambeth Conference, the Roman Catholic observers were invited to celebrate a requiem mass for the Pope, and the conference warmly commended the work of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, as it did the work of the Anglican-Orthodox Doctrinal Commission. All member churches of the Anglican Communion were asked to consider omitting

the *Filioque* clause from the Nicene Creed in order to remove this ancient barrier to improved relations with the Orthodox Church. The World Council of Churches' grant to the Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) Patriotic Front caused great controversy.

In **September**, it was announced that a new translation of the Bible for use by both Protestants and Roman Catholics had been published in Frisian, the language of Friesland, the northern province of the Netherlands. A group of religious leaders in San Antonio, Tex., got together to oppose the application of a self-proclaimed "charismatic" church to take over a television channel and feature "born again" programming.

In October, two neighbors in downtown Orlando, Fla., St. James Roman Catholic Cathedral and the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Luke, joined together to establish a non-profit corporation to provide low-income housing for the elderly. The on-going Lutheran-Episcopal Dialogue held its fall meeting at Nashotah House, and reached substantial agreement on the doctrine of justification. It was announced also that, after a series of meetings over five years, U.S. Lutheran and Roman Catholic theologians had completed drafting basic documents on the doctrine of papal infallibility. The world was stunned at the sudden death of the newly elected Pope John Paul I. The Supreme Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church met in Chicago, and elected a new Prime Bishop, the Most Rev. Francis Carl Rowinski. Intercommunion between the Polish National Catholic Church and the Episcopal Church was not maintained.

In November, a three-day dialogue taking place between Southern Baptist and Episcopal ministers was reported. Twelve clerics from each church discussed such issues as evangelism and community responsibility at a Baptist conference center near Asheboro, N.C. An impressive list of American Christian leaders endorsed Freedom of Faith: A Christian Committee for Religious Rights, a new organization formed to promote and protect religious freedom throughout the world. At a three-day meeting of the National Council of Churches, the Rev. M. William Howard, Jr., a black American Baptist minister and executive of the Reformed Church in America, was elected president of the ecumenical organization. Although the report was not released until the end of the year, the Episcopal Church held a National Ecumenical Consultation in November. The "Detroit Report" is summarized in this issue on page 10.

In **December**, the 1978 Thomas Merton Award, named for the famed Roman Catholic Trappist priest, was presented jointly to the Rt. Rev. John H. Burt, Bishop of Ohio, and Roman Catholic Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio for creative leadership in meeting a community job crisis by their efforts to reopen a steel mill. Twelve Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, and Reformed scholars announced that they have reached a "striking consensus" about what the New Testament says about St. Mary, the mother of Jesus. New Zealand's Inter-Church Commission on Immigration and Refugee Resettlement expressed concern about the pitfalls that may lie ahead if white refugees from Rhodesia or South Africa are allowed to settle in New Zealand. Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, Calif., was the setting for an ecumenical service honoring the memory of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, who were slain in their city hall offices late in November. "The Invocation of St. Francis" was led by the Rt. Rev. C. Kilmer Myers, Bishop of California, Fr. Louis Vitale, O.F.M., Rabbi Joseph Asher of Temple Emmanuel-El, and Franciscans from both the Roman Catholic and Anglican orders. An ecumenical group of 12 church leaders in Toronto, Canada, filed a formal complaint accusing Canadian Television (CTV) of "biased, distorted, and erroneous treatment" of comments made by the Most Rev. Edward Scott, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, on an interview program.

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Ohio Coalition Receives WCC Grant

The Mahoning Valley Ecumenical Coalition, founded by the Rt. Rev. John H. Burt, Bishop of Ohio, and Roman Catholic Bishop James W. Malone, has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from the World Council of Churches' Commission on World Mission and Evangelism.

The coalition is made up of more than 200 regional clerics who are attempting to reopen a steel plant and reemploy several thousand workers under community-worker ownership. The workers were idled when the Lykes Corporation's Youngstown Steel and Tube Company closed the Campbell Works in September, 1977.

The Rev. George E. Todd, secretary of the WCC commission's Rural and Urban Industrial Mission, said the money came from a fund "to aid Christian groups and churches which have taken as part of their mission work a concern for unemployment and for more just social possibilities for industrial workers."

In a letter to Bishop Malone, Mr. Todd said, "We have followed with great interest the ecumenical initiatives taken by a variety of religious groups in Mahoning Valley to mobilize the people of that community, and to arouse a national conscience for the situation of workers dislocated by plant closings."

Mr. Todd also noted that the coali-

tion's work has revealed "the damage which can be done to localities by decisions taken in distant places for reasons entirely unrelated to the well-being of a region and its people."

Mixed Marriages

A new booklet written by the Bishop of Chelmsford, eastern England, points out that over 65 percent of the marriages solemnized in English and Welsh Roman Catholic churches involve a non-Roman Catholic partner, and makes a plea for intercommunion.

"It is anomalous," says the Rt. Rev. John Trillo, in Marriages Between Anglicans and Roman Catholics—A Commentary, "that the couple made one in the sacrament of marriage, as the Roman Catholic Church admits, should immediately be separated in the sacrament of Holy Communion." Until a couple is able to receive together he doubts the propriety of performing such a wedding in the context of the Mass.

Not so long ago, writes Bishop Trillo, all non-Roman Catholics were regarded as heretics, and mixed marriages were very difficult and sometimes impossible. They are seen still by the Roman Catholic Church as "by nature, an obstacle to the full spiritual communion of the married parties," he adds.

The Most Rev. Donald Coggan, Archbishop of Canterbury, says in the booklet's foreword that considerable advance has been made in relations between the two churches over mixed marriages in recent years. "but we cannot rest content until the barrier which separates families at the Communion table, the altar, is removed."•

Royal Family's Spokesman Replies to Enoch Powell

A Buckingham Palace spokesman has replied to the charges of a member of Parliament, Enoch Powell, that if Prince Charles were to marry a Roman Catholic it would indicate the "beginning of the end for the British monarchy" and destroy the Church of England.

Mr. Powell warned of the "dangers" of repealing laws of succession which at present prohibit a "hypothetical marriage" of Prince Charles, the heir apparent, to a Roman Catholic. Some British newspapers have linked Prince Charles with Princess Marie Astrid of Luxembourg, a Roman Catholic.

A spokesman for the royal family told newsmen, "We don't know why he [Mr. Powell] has decided to raise this issue. All I can say is Prince Charles is not engaged to marry anyone, let alone a Roman Catholic, and to the best of anyone's knowledge he does not intend to do so.

"Prince Charles is well aware of all the consequences of marrying a [Roman] Catholic better than anyone. He knows that as the law stands he cannot marry one. If Charles married a [Roman] Catholic he would automatically lose his right to the throne unless public opinion demanded a change in the present laws of succession."

At present the prince is bound by legislation enacted in 1689 and 1701 which precludes a Roman Catholic, or anyone who marries a Roman Catholic, from inheriting the throne. Among others, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow, the Most Rev. Thomas Winning, has called for repeal of the law of succession which he has described as a present-day anachronism.

Neither the Archbishop of Canterbury nor George Basic Cardinal Hume had any comment about Mr. Powell's charges. The Rt. Rev. Edward Knapp-Fisher, Archdeacon of Westminster, and acting chairman of the Board for Mission and Unity's Roman Catholic Relations Committee, also declined to express an opinion. "It is too hypothetical a question," he told the *Church Times* [London], "which is why I am certain the committee will not be discussing it."

Pope to Visit Mexico

Pope John Paul II has announced that he will travel to Mexico at the end of January to attend the Latin American Bishops' Conference (CELAM). The pontiff also plans to visit the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is located outside Mexico City. St. Mary is said to have appeared there in 1531.

The Pope called the conference, to be held in Puebla, "an event of the most relevant ecclesiastical importance, not only because on this vast continent of Latin America, called 'the continent of hope,' there lives the net majority of Catholic faithful, but also because of the special interests, and, further, the great expectations aimed at by the conference."

The Puebla conference is the first since the historic Latin American Bishops' Conference of Medellin, Colombia, 10 years ago. At this meeting the Roman Catholic Church committed itself to helping solve the social problems of Latin[•] America's 350 million Roman Catholics, most of whom live in poverty and political repression.

Early in December, a report from Latinamerica Press (LP), published in Lima, Peru, charged that the meeting will be influenced heavily by conservatives. The ecumenically-sponsored church news service said that the CELAM secretariat had invited 12 conservative bishops to the conference in addition to the 117 elected by their respective national bishops' conferences, and, in the process, excluded nearly all of Latin America's more progressive theologians from the assembly.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

By CHARLES L. LAFONTAINE, S.A.

Millions of Christians around the world observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity each year during January. Few people, however, know how the Week of Prayer began, and even fewer realize that this worldwide observance can trace some of its origins to the Episcopal Church in the first decade of this century. The year was 1908. The place was "Graymoor," a desolate mountain-top retreat at Garrison, New York, near Peekskill, across the Hudson River from West Point. At Gravmoor lived a controversial Episcopal priest named Fr. Paul James Francis Wattson, the founder of an Anglican Franciscan community called the Society of the Atonement.

During the early part of the 20th century, religious orders in the Episcopal Church were still considered suspect for the most part because such communities seemed to be "Roman remnants" which apparently were not compatible with authentic Anglicanism. The Society of the Atonement bore its own share of suspicion, therefore, and it did so for good reason, its critics claimed, since the Society's founder, Paul Wattson, was a vigorous advocate of Anglican-Roman Catholic corporate reunion and a nervous champion of the central role of the papacy in a united Christian Church. To say the least, then, Paul Wattson and his Society were quite unpopular among Anglicans, especially Episcopalians. Despite increasing pressures to cease their pro-Roman crusade, the small band of Franciscan religious at Graymoor nonetheless continued for nearly a decade to make themselves most unwelcome in Episcopal circles and even went to the extent of preaching their message about Anglican-Roman Catholic reunion on Brooklyn street corners and on the steps of New York's city hall.

Fr. Wattson was not alone in his pro-Roman sympathies, certainly. He had supporters, few to be sure, throughout the United States and even abroad, especially in England. One of Wattson's English collaborators was the Rev. Spencer Jones, the Anglican rector of Batsford and Moreton-in-Marsh. Jones was a prolific author of books on catechetics, an Oxford man, a relative of John Keble, and close friend of Lord Halifax. He was also founder of the Society of St. Thomas of Canterbury, a learned body "devoted to the theological study of the Church in the West," which periodically gathered Anglican and



Roman scholars for serious dialogue on disputed matters.

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From Spencer Jones came a letter to Paul Wattson during late autumn, 1907, in which Jones suggested that a day of prayer for Christian unity might be observed throughout the English-speaking world on the next feast of St. Peter, June 29, 1908. Answering Jones, Wattson wrote: "The 'Peter Sermon' suggestion is fine. By all means let us set it in motion at once. In addition to that, what do you think of inaugurating a Church Unity Week beginning with the feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, January 18th, and ending with St. Paul's Day, January 25th?"

Without awaiting a reply from Jones, however, Wattson began making prep-arations for a "Church Unity Week" which he planned to observe for the first time during January, 1908. In his magazine, The Lamp, and through private correspondence, Wattson appealed to Anglicans and Roman Catholics to join in the new venture. Because there were eight days between the two feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul in January, Wattson decided to call his prayer observance an "Octave" instead of a "Week" as originally proposed. Both Anglican and Roman Catholic supporters responded to Wattson's initiative with enthusiasm, if not in massive numbers. By the time the Church Unity Octave had marked its third observance in 1910, however, Fr. Wattson and the other members of his Society had become Roman Catholics, a development that surprised few veteran Graymoor-watchers.

Within the Roman communion, the Church Unity Octave was blessed by several popes and was observed widely by Roman Catholics around the world. During the early 1930s, the observance was renamed "Chair of Unity Octave" to emphasize the essential role of the Roman papacy in any future union of the Christian churches. The "chair" to

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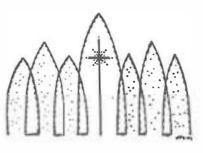
which the new title referred was the *cathedra* or chair of St. Peter, a symbol of the universal jurisdiction usually claimed by occupants of the papal office.

Meanwhile, other Christians had also developed special observances of prayer for Christian unity. The Faith and Order Movement, for example, had stressed prayer for unity from its earliest days. In 1913, the Faith and Order Commission of the Episcopal Church, whose guiding lights were Charles H. Brent and Robert H. Gardiner, suggested that there be prayer for unity on the Sunday of Pentecost (Whitsunday) throughout that church. The preparatory Conference of Faith and Order at Geneva in 1926, moreover, made an official appeal for a special "Week of Prayer for the Unity of the Church" during Whitsuntide, and, from that time on, the Faith and Order Movement published annual "Suggestions for an Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity." This prayer observance became very popular among Anglicans, Orthodox and Protestants throughout the world.

About the same time as Paul Wattson was revising the name of his prayer observance, Fr. Paul Couturier, a French Roman Catholic priest from Lyons, was beginning to engage in dialogue with the large numbers of Orthodox Christians in that city. As a result of those ecumenical experiences, as well as a period of theological exposure to the work of "progressive" Roman Catholic scholars like Yves Congar, Fr. Couturier soon realized that it would be necessary to discover a new formula which would allow Christians of every tradition to join in a common observance of prayer for unity. Surprisingly perhaps, he found his answer in the Roman Missal! In the Prayer before Communion, which is a petition that peace and unity be granted the church despite the sins of its members, Fr. Couturier found a suitable basis for extending the reach of his prayer movement for unity. Ironically, it was this same prayer which Paul Wattson had been recommending for many years as eminently appropriate for observing the church unity octave.

With cautious official encouragement, Couturier inaugurated a "Universal Week of Praver for Christian Unity" on the inclusive basis that "our Lord would grant to his church on earth that peace and unity which were in his mind and purpose when, on the eve of his Passion, he prayed that all might be one." Couturier's formula was scripturally founded and had a broad enough basis that it would offend far fewer Christians than had Wattson's octave. Couturier's "Universal Week," which was observed in January at the same time as Wattson's octave, was an immediate success and attracted the participation of increasing numbers of Protestants, Angli-

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THE DETROIT REPORT-

A major Episcopal ecumenical statement

By THE EDITOR

An important ecumenical event for Episcopalians this winter has been the recent release of the "Detroit Report," a document emanating from the National Ecumenical Consultation of the Episcopal Church. The consultation was held in early November near Detroit, Mich., under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical Officers, the National and World Mission Committee of the Executive Council, and the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations of the General Convention.

After some introductory statements about the general commitment of the church to the cause of Christian unity, the report takes up a series of topics, in many cases making one or more recommendations. The entire document cannot be reproduced here, but we call attention to particular items which may be of special interest to many readers.

Beginning with Anglican-Roman Catholic relations, in view of the degree of theoretical agreement already achieved, the consultation recommends first of all for "the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations to take steps to initiate a conference of Episcopal and Roman Catholic leaders in the United States to consider the practical implications of these statements and what can be done to implement them in the life of the church as the next step in the process toward visible unity."

A number of related subordinate resolutions include the request "that officially appointed representatives of the Roman Catholic Church be seated with voice in the meetings of the ecumenical committees of both Houses of Convention."

Perhaps the most dramatic agreement reached by participants in the Anglican-Roman Catholic consultations has involved the Holy Eucharist, as expressed in the Windsor Statement. It is asked that General Convention expressly affirm this eucharistic teaching at Denver later this year.

Strengthening the so-called Wider Episcopal Fellowship is urged. This is an association of Anglican and some other churches which share the historic episcopate. Other resolutions encourage pressing on in ecumenical discussions with Eastern Orthodox and with the Consultation on Church Union. The beginning of dialogue with the Southern Baptists is recorded and commended. The reader should note that at the present time the Consultation on Church Union is the primary channel for discussions at the national level with Presbyterians, Methodists, Disciples, and certain others. The Episcopal Church is engaged in direct dialogue with Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Eastern Orthodox, and Southern Baptists who are not officially involved in the Consultation on Church Union.

A new emphasis in the report is on "spiritual ecumenism," the seeking of Christian unity in prayer and worship. Matters pertaining to Holy Communion are grouped under this heading. The Most Rev. Francis C. Rowinski, Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, was thanked for sending his representative, and hope was expressed that intercommunion between his church and the Episcopal Church may someday be recovered. Guidelines were also proposed for the reception of Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church by other Christians. Four points are stated:

- a. They shall have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and shall have previously been admitted to the Holy Communion within the church to which they belong.
- b. They shall examine their lives, repent of their sins, and be in love and charity with all people, as this church in its catechism (PBCP, p. 860) says is required of all those who come to the Eucharist.
- c. They shall approach the Holy Communion as an expression of the real presence of Jesus Christ whose sacrifice once upon the cross was sufficient for all mankind.
- d. They shall find in this Communion the means to strengthen their life within the Christian family.

Under the heading of Apostolate to the World, various steps toward cooperation among churches are urged, and it is recommended that "persons from Christian bodies with whom the Episcopal Church is in dialogue be invited to participate fully in appropriate committees of General Convention."

Another significant resolution is as follows: "Recognizing the pain and difficulty surrounding the recent establishment of the Anglican Catholic Church (formerly Anglican Church of North America) and because of our special relationships with these people, parishes, and clergy over the years, the Consultation suggests that the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations seek ways in which contact can be established and/or restored."

The historic Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral (see Proposed Prayer Book, pp. 876-8) was reaffirmed in a paraphrased form.

A number of comments are offered on the strength and weaknesses of present ecumenical negotiations. The Consultation on Church Union is commended for its growing theological consensus, but its failure to include some other churches which are close to the Episcopal Church is also noted.

The importance of dialogue with the Eastern Orthodox is strongly affirmed. Attention is called to the continuing Orthodox concern over the text of the Nicene Creed, into the third paragraph of which Western Christians have inserted the *filioque* clause ("and [from] the Son") which is agreed by everyone to be no part of the original ecumenical text of the creed.

The considerable consensus reached in the Lutheran-Episcopal Dialogue is acknowledged and recognized. At the same time, a challenging question is addressed to the Episcopal representatives in this group: "The Pullach and Lutheran-Episcopal Dialogue reports and the survey of these discussions written for this Consultation have not made fully explicit the reasons why our participants in the Lutheran-Episcopal Dialogue find it possible for us to engage in eucharistic sharing with Lutheran Churches in the Lutheran-Episcopal Dialogue prior to their acceptance of the historic episcopate, nor how this could be done without thereby implying that the historic episcopate is for us *adiaphora* nor why such an action would not in principle be applicable to all Protestant churches of a creedal/confessional nature.'

At the end, the Detroit Report returns to the topic of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Consultation. The Roman Catholic manner of church government is challenged on two specific grounds:

- a. lack of discernible lay voice for proper discernment of the Spirit by and for the whole people of God;
- b. lack of clear synodical form of Church decision-making which would implement the collegiality of the episcopate as affirmed by the Second Vatican Council.

The report goes on to speak of the ordination of women and states, "The Episcopal Church has now ordained women to the sacramental diaconate and priesthood, within the three-fold Catholic ministry. An increasing number of Episcopalians hope that this action will enable a full and continuing dialogue with Roman Catholics and other communions that moves beyond the obvious issues of tradition to a consideration of the doctrine of God and Christian anthropology which this decision illuminates. Many see this action of their church as a response to the Gospel imperatives expressed in our common Baptism; others hold the issue to be one of discipline rather than doctrine."

The Detroit Report embodies the work of the three sections into which the National Ecumenical Consultation was divided:

Section I: Visible Unity: The Goal and the Way

Frank P. Foster, Chairman

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The Rev. William B. Green, Secretary. The chairman of the consultation as a whole was the Rt. Rev. John H. Burt, Bishop of Ohio. The Rev. William A. Norgren, assistant ecumenical officer of the Episcopal Church, was coordinator, and the secretary was Anna Foster (Mrs. W. Roland Foster).

Epiphany Season

Happy celebration of creche bound Child Has given way to family fleeing south, While soldiers killing children wholesale Try to quench an inconvenient star.

Jesus, having died in Jordan water To the calm of quiet life at Nazareth, Is called forth to live in total poverty The rich good healing news of peace.

Fishermen, who know the wisdom Of their trade from fathers who have taught them, Are challenged to forsake the lake And launch into the deep of life itself and fish for men.

Wedding guests, expecting joy and merriment, Lift high their cups to toast again the bridegroom and the bride, And find themselves partakers of a wine That time could not produce but only God.

God light radiating on Tabor height Gives hint that even crosses bloom, And Jordan voice owns once again the man And calls us all to listen.

Epiphany!

Thomas F. Stoll

EDITORIALS

Week of Prayer for Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, or Octave of Unity as it is sometimes called, occurs January 18-25, from a feast of St. Peter to that of St. Paul. It is an observance that has appealed to many Episcopalians because it is an ecumenical effort which puts first things first, affirming prayer and our shared spiritual heritage as the best basis for the recovering of the visible unity of Christ's Church which we believe to be essentially ONE, as well as essentially HOLY and CATHOLIC.

Agenda for the Future

We believe this to be a convenient time to survey ecumenical events of the past year [p. 6], and also to look ahead to the future. The Detroit Report, summarized in this issue [p.10], touches on the ecumenical agenda likely to arise for the Episcopal Church in the months ahead. We find much to agree with, and some things to disagree with in the report.

We believe it is correct that Anglican-Roman Catholic relationships have proceeded far enough with mere words. The time for some action has come. It is our understanding that very few Anglicans anywhere desire organizational unity with the Church of Rome, but that many would welcome closer relationships, as well as the sharing of Holy Communion at least on occasion. Today in fact thousands of members of both churches, including many priests and members of religious orders, have made their communions at each other's altars. It is a curious artificiality that the official dialogues carefully close their eyes to this. I was invited at one time to attend one of the American sessions. A Roman Catholic mass was celebrated that morning. It was the first time in years I had attended a mass of that church and not been encouraged to make my communion!

The Consultation on Church Union continues to plug along, plagued with a bad acronym (COCU) and poor press. We should acknowledge that it has published some fine documents, and has been the arena for some good thinking together. It has served a function not only for the participating churches, but also for Lutherans, Baptists, Roman Catholics, and others who do not officially belong to the consultation, but have taken part in some of its activities. The old consultation proposal for multiple-church parishes, small dioceses (with the bishop serving as the pastor of a centrally located large parish), and effective provinces under a sort of archbishop—this is still worth pondering.

We would also make some comments about relations with the Eastern Orthodox. Most Episcopalians perceive that the ordination of women was a blow to them. What Episcopalians have not perceived is that the failure to remove the *filioque* clause ("and [from] the Son") from the third paragraph of the new translation of the Nicene Creed was devastating. In the Draft Proposed Prayer Book (pp. 329 and 361), the offending unauthorized words did not occur. The General Convention at Minneapolis inserted them (see PBCP, pp. 327 and 359). Since this topic is of little current interest to most Episcopalians, or other Western Christians, it was quite naturally interpreted by the Orthodox as a deliberate repudiation of them and their tradition.

Anglican historians have long recognized that the added words are no part of the ancient text of the creed. Last summer, the Anglican bishops at Lambeth (including of course our American bishops) voted overwhelmingly in favor of considering the removal of these words from the text of the creed in their different provinces. The bishops are supposed to be the custodians of the faith, and they can and should uphold the best possible text of the Nicene Creed. We respectfully ask our American bishops what plan they have in mind to bring this about?

The Detroit Report speaks for those Anglicans, of different points of view, who hope that Roman Catholics will accept or acquiesce to the ordination of women. It does not appear, however, to speak for those members of the Episcopal Church who neither favor the ordination of women nor desire to court its approval by others. This will strike many as less than satisfactory. After all, there are probably far more Episcopalians who oppose the ordination of women than there are Episcopalians who desire truly close relations with Rome. Furthermore, many of them are the same people. Surely one lesson we should learn from the recent Church of England-Methodist fiasco, and the Presbyterian-Episcopal fiasco of a generation ago, and from other episodes, is that sound ecumenism cannot be based on unresolved internal conflicts within our own fold.

Anglicans can be proud of our long-standing involvement in the ecumenical movement. Yet, while always willing to talk, we have rarely been willing to take steps to change our practices to meet legitimate criticism from other bodies of Christians. One such step which THE LIVING CHURCH applauds is the official restoration of the Holy Eucharist to a visibly central place in the public worship of the Episcopal Church. The Detroit Report quite properly calls attention to this as having ecumenical significance. The rectification of the new translation of the Nicene Creed could be another such step. Finally, and most obviously, there is the question of baptism by immersion. A very large percentage of the entire Christian world demands this, either for infants (all of the Eastern Churches), or for older children and adults (Baptists, Disciples, and various others). It is plainly the most biblical, traditional, catholic, and ecumenical mode of baptism. Last, but not least, it has always been encouraged, if not demanded, by our own Anglican rubrics. We hope that the Southern Baptists, in dialogue with Episcopalians, will not allow this to be forgotten.

BOOKS

Episcopalians on the Mountain

SEWANEE SAMPLER. By Arthur Ben Chitty. The University Press, Sewanee, Tenn. 37375. Pp. 198. \$8.50 hardback, \$6.95 paper (postpaid).

In the way of intense communities, Sewanee has described itself best in the telling of stories. Thus the *Sewanee Sampler* rightly pictures the life, values, and people of the University of the South, and incidentally a good bit of the Episcopal Church, in delicious anecdotes.

Arthur Ben Chitty has been a Sewanee legend himself in the 30 years he has dedicated his life to serving the Episcopal Church. As a raconteur he has an evangelist's passion to preserve the eyewitnesses' account and a scholar's deftness in discerning the truth. These are not only good stories but they convey the essence of what life at Sewanee is and has been.

Ladies, the mountain domain, houses; pranks, learned professors, visionaries; caving, church, dogs; blacks and whites, fragile egos, bishops; and always a *bon* *mot.* The saga of Queenie Woods Washington alone is more than adequate justification for the endeavor and perhaps compensates for debunking the legend that General Morgan escaped the Yankees by riding off the steep which bears his name.

If you are bitten by the Sewanee bug your library will never be complete without this book. Otherwise, watch out for the *Sewanee Sampler* unless you are prepared to become entranced.

(The Rev.) JAMES G. CALLAWAY, JR. The Church of the Annunciation Oradell, N.J.

A Welcome Study

ANGLICANISM (Fourth Edition). By Stephen Neill. Oxford University Press. Pp. 421. \$7.95, paper.

Now appearing in a revised edition after being out of print for several years, Bishop Neill's *Anglicanism* is a welcome study once more of the Anglican Communion and its development from the Church of England. No one would presume a definitive work on this subject, nor does he, but here we have a fascinating and interpretative history of a Christian tradition which continues to stimulate and to confound its members, friends, and opposition from time to

POET'S PROPER,

Paul

No stranger to the strife of men, Apostle, on your mission sent To take the Word uplifted, then With this to storm the firmament,

Once on your knees, in desert sands You found Him, Christ, upon your way. Ravening, you felt His Hands Outreached. You took His charge, to say

The blessing, power, and mercy rained Upon you in that crucial hour Sought your hate, and naught disdained To fate it, changed to love, to flower

Through barren wastes, and seas, intense. You know Him, by Him known, and smite Through Law to Liberty. You sense From vastest space resource, and might

Revealed, now lent through you, to find Creation newly welled and sprung Crest in our lives; ne'er course unwind Blind to His bells of Victory won.

Lawrence Mills



time. When all is said and done, Bishop Neill finds the Anglican Communion to be "a fellowship in which it is possible for me to proclaim all that I believe to be true, and in which I am not required to teach anything which I believe to be untrue... In this part of the fellowship of the people of Christ I am content to live and to die." Most of the book will be familiar to readers of past editions. There are a number of footnotes and indications which update the book, and a new Epilogue broadens the perspective to 1976. In the light of many years abroad in India and through his ecumenical work at several significant levels the author is deeply concerned about the future of the

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SLIM LIVING DAY BY DAY by JoAnn Ploeger. Tyndale House. Pp. 159. \$1.95 paper.

LIFE IS WORTH LIVING by Fulton J. Sheen. Doubleday. Pp. 272. \$3.50 paper.

TITUS: Patterns for Church Living by James T. Draper, Jr. Tyndale House. Pp. 199. \$2.95 paper.

ASK ADAM by Barbara J. Bush. Revell. Pp. 159. \$6.95.

SHAKE UP YOUR FAITH by C. Williams Nicholas. Bethany Press. Pp. 112. \$5.95 paper.

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(The Rt. Rev.) WALLACE E. CONKLING Jensen Beach, Fla.

In the canon law of the Episcopal Church, holy matrimony is dealt with in Title I. 17 and 18. The officiant is simply referred to as "the minister" which today might mean a bishop, priest, or deacon, but in older usage tended to mean rector. Similarly in BCP 1928, the officiant is simply "the minister" (pp. 300 ff.). PBCP, p. 422, has rubrics reflecting the distinction made by Bishop Conkling while at the same time giving the deacon a conspicuous assisting role. Ed.

West Indian Church

I am always glad to see an item about St. Bartholomew's Church on the tiny island of St. Barthelemy, F.W.I. Such appeared in your column "Briefly" [TLC, Dec. 10] in which you mentioned that Fr. H. Gordon MacDonald served the church for several weeks each year. The reason I am happy to see this is because it calls attention to the need at St. Barth's.

I have served the church there on the same basis as Fr. MacDonald each year since 1973—the past two years for three months and will do so again this January until after Easter.

There are two additions which I should like to make to your report. First, the church not only serves retired American and Canadians but also serves the continuing small but faithful black members of the church. Second, the church is not served by any continuing stream of clergy. Indeed, there are long periods when no priest is there to minister, and help would be welcome.

(The Rev. Canon) GORDON E. GILLETT Tuftonboro Corner, N.H. Continued from page 10

cans and Orthodox Christians during the late 1930s and early 1940s. In 1941, moreover, the Faith and Order Movement transferred its own prayer observance to January also, so that it would coincide with Couturier's "Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity."

Neither Wattson nor Couturier ever viewed the two prayer observances as being in competition. Their frequent correspondence shows that both founders considered the respective observances to be complementary, meeting various needs and degrees of ecumenical readiness. Some of their followers, however, were of a quite different mind, and during the 1950s two distinct theological parties arose in contention within the Roman Catholic Church, both camps aided and abetted by numerous sympathizers outside the Roman communion. Strange to note, even in prayer for unity Christians were seriously divided and fiercely competitive until at least the 1960s.

The spiritual impasse was broken, however, when the Second Vatican Council officially committed the Roman Catholic Church to active partnership in the ecumenical movement. In the Decree on Ecumenism, the Council fathers recommended, indeed encouraged Roman Catholics to pray together with other Christians for unity. No longer was there any need for competition in prayer, and since 1966, therefore, Christians throughout the world have been able to join in a common observance every January under the aegis of the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity."

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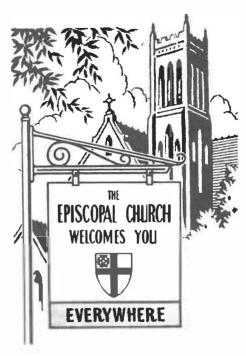
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