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e First Article of our Christian ith calls us to recognize all things od's creation, and to see our own as his gift to us. But what does that to do with Jesus Christ? Any numother religions may also believe a made the world: how can this really asidered basic to Christianity?

answer to that question indeed 3 to the heart of the matter. The ine of creation may be the first, but ot the only article of our faith. It is tioned, flavored, and focused by its on to other Christian doctrines, just ier Christian doctrines are affected is one. Hence our doctrine of creais not simply that a deity made s. We believe that a specific God. ernal, holy, all-wise and all-loving the Father of Jesus Christ, made s. Specifically too, he made us in his mage, that pattern, that model for n beings, which is embodied in his Son, who came among us, to live ie as one of us. When we Christians of the doctrine of creation, it is into some extent a doctrine we share Jews, Moslems, and adherents of n other faiths. Yet to some extent niquely Christian, for we view it in ial perspective. We who have been med by Christ, and who know that orld has been so redeemed, cannot at things as if this had not hap-

istians speak of a new creation rinthians 5:17; Revelation 21:1,5). so many other important religious nations, however, the new creation, creation in Christ, is a mysterious aradoxical idea. It is a language the iever will find confusing, perhaps razy. The Christian enters a world v meaning, new value, and new signce. It is not simply that things betidied up, or somewhat repaired, or clearly understood. The change is than that. At the risk of appearing y insane to our many esteemed ir friends, we may as well come out with it and say that what t does is retroactive. Through him, happened in the first place, in the reation, is transformed.

ordingly, the Bible speaks again gain of redemption and recreation

in terms of the original creation. As God first began by creating light, so the Bible speaks of God's eternal Word, that became incarnate by Jesus Christ, "in him was life, and the life was the light of men" (St. John 1:4). On the first day of the week, the day of the creation of light. he rises from the dead. "He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation ... He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent" (Colossians 1:13-18).

This is the perception of a universe which finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ because he is the eternal Son of God, the Word through whom God's creative power was exercised in the first place. It is a vision of creation which, in Christ, has restored to it that headship which the first Adam was unable to exercise. As we find our own place as members of the body of Christ, so we find our place in his cosmic plan for the entire universe.

Breathtaking? Certainly, but can anything less than a breathtaking vision do justice to the universe of which we are a part? One does not need to look up to the stars; one can simply look at one's feet. Before my toes, struggling through the forest of blades of grass, is a tiny brown ant. Its head is not large enough to contain a drop of what I know as a brain. Such a creature is a citizen in an elaborate and well ordered city beneath a little patch of sod. In a world where the least of things are so amazing, what will the great things be?

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Cursillo and Music

The article "Cursillo and the Episcopal Church" [TLC, July 15] and some of the letters responding to it, especially those of David Corbin and the Rev. John Butcher, have prompted my comment.

As with Mr. Corbin, I am a Cursillista and made my Cursillo in November of 1976. Like Mr. Corbin I have been changed and deeply moved by this Evangelistic Renewal Movement. The Cursillo Movement is alive and well in the Midwest, and our local Diocese in Eau Claire was generously helped some years back by our larger nearby Diocese of Minnesota in establishing Cursillo.

I have personally seen the change in peoples lives because of Cursillo, and I have personally seen what I feel to be a very positive influence of this evangelistic movement in my own local parish. I continue to be active in the Cursillo Movement and continue to find it meaningful in my life.

With that as a preface, I want to comment more especially on Fr. Butcher's letter regarding the music of the church and the new hymnal. I agree totally with Fr. Butcher's opening statement that

and I nave personally been attracted to the music and liturgy of the Episcopal Church from my Protestant origins and thereby converted to my Lord Jesus Christ. Far more people have been attracted to the Episcopal Church and converted by its music and liturgy than through any other medium in the church; and if Episcopalians forget this, they are "throwing out the baby with the bath water."

Music associated with the Cursillo Movement and from what experience I have had with the Charismatic Movement is from a purely artistic and esthetic standpoint, wretched. I personally know throngs of Episcopalians who are so turned off by it that whatever positive value these renewal movements may have, it cannot reach them. I do not mean to imply that the music associated with this movement has no value whatsoever. My point is that it has a value in an informal kind of worship setting. Unfortunately many Cursillistas and other evangelicals are so moved by the experiences they have had within these renewal movements that they want to share this kind of musical informality at the standard Sunday morning service with other Episcopalians.

I personally feel any inclusion of this type of informal music in the new hymnal (which will be readily available in of this kind of music to press for its quent use. I have no objection to Standing Commission on Church I working with the National Cur Board in the development of an Expal Cursillo song book, but this in no should be contrived as being suitable the worship of the Episcopal Churc Sunday morning.

We have had an immense treasure the Hymnal 1940. The production of book was done with the utmost care sensitivity. Anybody who has wo with hymnals from other denominat and for that matter the Church of land hymnals, knows what a treasu have had. I trust that the music con sion will take equal care in the protion of a new hymnal. I do not mes this that I feel no new hymnal oug be produced or that I am a liturgica musical preservationist exclusive am, for instance, very pleased witl Proposed Book of Common Prayer heartily endorse its approval at the vention. It is just that new hymns be carefully selected and must have musical and spiritual value as the copal Church has always been care!

The article by Fr. Mudge ["Episc ians and Evangelism," TLC, Dec 1978] spoke to this when he sugg

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and musical language of other denominational traditions. It is my firm opinion that the divine mission of the Episcopal Church is the conversion to Christ through the magnificence of its music and liturgy. It does not mean that we do not need renewal, for we do, but I hope that our people, especially our priests, never lose sight of that mission.

DAVID J. STRANG, M.D.

Eau Claire, Wis.

The Liturgy Issue

I must admit that I continue to be perplexed over the sometimes heated debates regarding liturgy in the Episcopal Church. Two of the more striking advantages of the Anglican-Catholic tradition are an openness to the Holy Spirit and the realization that human reason is a gift of God to be used by the people of God. These give the Episcopal Church a scope of awareness sufficient to make a comfortable home for all its members.

It appears to me that many, on both sides of the liturgy issue, choose to shrink that awareness by closing their minds to change that does not conform to their own liking. To withhold the modernization of liturgy is to turn our backs on thousands of members, both active and potential, and it shows that we

our church which I believe has shown a decline in membership. It is also important to realize that to withhold the traditional liturgy, which has been loved by so many over the years is to do the same.

I am incurably committed to the Proposed Book of Common Prayer, but would never consider being so bold as to say it should be imposed on everyone all of the time. Our church is not a church of imposition! Just as Rite I and Rite II in the new prayer book are optional, the 1928 Rite should be optional as well. Congregations should be willing to alternate all three of them. When a congregation disregards the traditionalists, the charismatics, the youth or those who are simply interested in a blend of contemporary and traditional liturgy they are worshiping at less than full potential.

We are lucky to have such a beautifully open church. Let's keep it that way by allowing a multitude of expression rather than limiting or excluding certain factions of believers.

WILLIAM J. ADAMS

Rancho Cordova, Calif.

The Power of Their Glory

In the first line of the article "Let's Play 'What If' " [TLC, Aug. 12] H. N. Kelley makes reference to the book *The Power and the Glory* by "Mr. and Mrs. Konolige."

I'm sure he meant to refer to the recent book *The Power of Their Glory*, and not to confuse it with Graham Greene's novel about a priest in revolutionary Mexico. That book, *The Power and the Glory*, has had a significant influence on the development of my faith, and hence I feel defensive about seeing it confused with another.

(The Rev.) JONATHAN C. SAMS
The Parish of St. Paul

Hammond, Ind.

Our correspondent is, of course, correct. It was a slip of the typewriter. Ed.

Comparing Wedding Services

Evidence for me that the General Convention should authorize continued use of the 1928 BCP, if the PBCP is given final approval, is the preference for the 1928 Form of Solemnization of Holy Matrimony shown in this parish.

It has been my custom since trial use has been authorized to give to the prospective bride and groom a copy of the 1928 and 1976 wedding services. I am very careful to do this without comment. I simply ask them to read both services and to let me know, at the next premarital counseling session, which service they have chosen. Of the 11 marriages at which I have officiated this year, eight couples have chosen the 1928 ceremony. Somewhat the same percen-

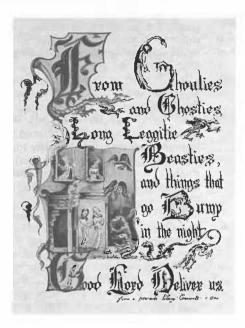


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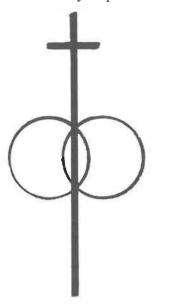
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posture of the '60s and early '70s (expressed in the PBCP ceremony) to a there-are-personal-moments-in-our-lives-on-which-we-will-not-let-the-world-impinge posture (expressed in the 1928 BCP form).

It has been stated that An Order for Marriage in the PBCP will allow use of the 1928 form. I grant that much of the 1928 form may be used, but order 6 directs that "Prayers are offered for the husband and wife, for their life together, for the Christian community, and for the world" thereby inserting the very ideology of the PBCP ceremony which many couples do not want.

Since I use the Morehouse-Barlow marriage booklets, I reported the preference for the 1928 form to that company. The company replied stating that my report was completely opposite to the national preference as reflected in orders for booklets. This suggests to me that many clergy are not informing couples that the 1928 form may be used.

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To give fit gratitude to the good God!
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Joseph Forster Hogben

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Another Good Guide

INTRODUCING THE LESSONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR: A Guide for Lay Readers and Congregations. By Frederick H. Borsch. Seabury/ Crossroad. Pp. 233. \$8.95.

My first thoughts on reading over this excellent little volume is that it was in many ways a duplication of the efforts put into Dr. William Sydnor's little book, The Sunday Scriptures: An Interpretation. Indeed the author says in his introduction that it has a parallel purpose.

Why do a good job twice? Simply because two fine authors can give us two good viewpoints on the same subject. They both realize that those who read the scriptures, and those who hear them cannot do so effectively if they do it unprepared. The introduction to Dr. Borsch's volume is worth the price alone—especially "Why we read the Bible in church—the making of community," and a review of the various translations of the Bible that are canonical for use in the Episcopal Church.

Lay readers should find a volume like this a "must." Clergy will find it a "first look," and Dr. Borsch suggests excellent Proclamation Series of Fortress Press (Lutheran).

Several excellent church school curricula are being developed around the new lectionary. Teachers using such material will find this book excellent introductory homework to supplement lesson plans.

The main question is, "What about these introductions and the Sunday service?" This reviewer has an aversion to long introductions to lessons, especially when all three are used. Dr. Borsch's little paragraphs have the virtue of picking the "meat" of his commentary and putting it in one sentence in heavy type. This makes possible Sunday bulletin use, or a briefer introduction verbally — the longer form could of course be used in both these ways for the more difficult passages.

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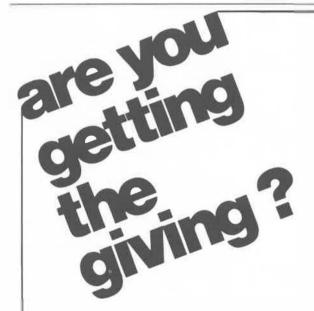
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book has much to recommend it ly for people "on the threshold" so for those already "in the house-of faith. Dr. Johnson has a truly nical spirit and respects the gifts branches of the church, while aining a fine understanding of the has one. He loves and understands turch, "warts and all." Thus, he is peak to almost anyone with open A convinced Barthian might find ses that celebrate God speaking

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Dr. Johnson has a rare gift for explaining complicated historical and doctrinal matters in a few simple sentences, reflecting his own sophisticated comprehension of the Christian faith. For this reason, I would recommend the book not only for potential newcomers but also for group study in inquirers' classes, church school sessions, and study groups. If so used, I would also suggest that a skilled teacher or pastor be around to answer the multitude of questions that readers will ask. This book is genuinely an introduction that can, I think, spark considerable questioning, questing, and search deeper into the faith.

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Good Stewardship

MOSES AND THE VENTURE IN FAITH. By Michael Baughen. Mowbrays, London & Oxford. Pp. 124. £1.25 paper.

While the back cover of this little book would seem to imply that it is about money-raising, it is definitely not a "how to" book for the Every Member Canvass. Rather, it is a prescription for parish renewal and that certainly is basic to good stewardship. Believing that stewardship, evangelism, and education are all integral parts of the same coin, I see this book as an excellent study guide for the vestry and other groups leading to total commitment.

It is not about the Patriarch's great faith in God, but rather his faith in the *great* God of the impossible and, as such, will help to undergird the total program of a parish. The author refers to the "Moses Principle" throughout the text and I wish he had used it for the title.

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For Church Libraries

THE WESTMINSTER DICTIONARY OF WORSHIP. Edited by J.G. Davies. Westminster. Pp. xiii, 385. \$12.50.

This is an American edition of Davies' A Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship which was published in 1972 in England by SCM Press and in this country by Macmillan. Apart from some rearrangement of the prefatory pages and the listing of contributors, the contents appear to be identical with those of the earlier edition. This is a fine book, and church libraries and students of liturgy who did not buy it before will welcome this new opportunity to do so. It covers not only classical Christian liturgy, but also the

tions, and some attention is given to worship in Buddhism and other great non-Christian religions. It is attractively illustrated with floor-plans of churches and photos of liturgical furnishings and artifacts. One regrets that the bibliography was not brought up to date.

H.B.P.

Reform and Renewal

THE CLOCKWORK CHURCH. By Christopher Wansey. Mowbray. Pp. 138. £1.95.

Here is a cross between tract and autobiography, written by an English priest with an insatiable appetite for reform and renewal. A chapter discussing Wansey's development and use of a rite of naming, thanksgiving and declaration of God's love for a child as an alternative to infant baptism and as a means to re-establishment of believer's baptism in the Church of England contains the most thought-provoking material I have seen in years. Equally interesting are his efforts, in the cause of renewal, to restore holy matrimony as a sacrament for committed Christians only. The rest of the book is uneven: there are brilliant insights along with distressing triumphalism.

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Resources for the Parish

CREATIVE STEWARDSHIP. By Richard B. Cunningham.

YOUR CHURCH CAN BE HEAL-THY. by C. Peter Wagner.

Abingdon. Creative Leadership Series. Pp. 128 each. \$4.95 each, paper.

Dr. Wagner's book deals with "church pathology": what might prevent a congregation from growing and what can be done about it.

Some ideals of the '50s and '60s are contradicted. Among them: integration of a congregation doesn't work that well; city-wide evangelistic crusades don't help congregations much; some interchurch cooperation uses energy that might otherwise go into evangelism. Some will find this difficult to accept. Others may feel their biases justified.

One wonders how many recent dropouts were the "growth" of the '50s and early '60s, and whether they were won to Christ or merely joined the church. Do evangelism and church growth always have the same motives? Dr. Wagner insists on the need to proclaim Jesus Christ to make churches grow.

Episcopalians may react to the term "preaching a service." The worship described appears to depend on a large

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THE LIVING CHUKCH

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Lee Bristol, Church Music Leader, Dies

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., a leading figure in church music development, died in upstate New York on August 10. He was 56.

He had served as a member of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Church Music, helped organize the Hymnal Supplement volumes, was the editor of More Hymns and Spiritual Songs, and wrote many choral and organ compositions.

Dr. Bristol was also known to the wider church as an engaging and popular preacher and conference speaker. He is believed to be the first American lavman ever to preach four times at Westminster Abbey. He also wrote inspirational books, including More Power to You and The Big Picnic.

A 1947 alumnus of Hamilton College. he earned a Licentiate in Organ from Trinity College of Music, London, and had received 11 honorary degrees. He was president of the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., from 1962-69.

From 1951 until he joined the choir college, he was an executive with the Bristol-Myers Company, which his grandfather had founded. Among other honors, he received the Kellogg award for distinguished service to education from the Association of Episcopal Colleges. He was also a commander of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem and a fellow of the British Royal School of Music. He was on the National Board of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP).

Dr. Bristol was a deputy to General Convention in 1973 and 1976, and had been elected to serve again this year. He once said of his ministry, "I continue to try with God's help, to come ever closer to my true potential and to try to see to it that my life counts for something in terms of the lives of others."

He is survived by his wife, Louise Wells Bristol, and four children. A memorial service was held at Princeton University Chapel on August 15.

International Meeting of Liturgiologists

During the middle week of August, the Societas Liturgica, an international association of liturgical scholars, held its congress on the Catholic University of America campus in Washington, D.C. Such a meeting is held every two years, but this is the first time it has been held in America. Convening, under the presidency of the Rev. Thomas J. Talley, professor of liturgics at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York, this year's congress addressed itself principally to the topic of ordained ministry and ordination. Beginning with a presentation of original research on the ordination of rabbis in Judaism by Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman of New York, a series of lectures traced ordination theory and practice through the New Testament, patristic, reformation, and modern periods. A concluding theological analysis was provided by the distinguished Methodist theologian, Dr. Geoffrey Wainwright, formerly at Queens College, Birmingham, England, but now just moved to the professorship of theology at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

On successive days of the congress, liturgical services represented different Christian traditions. The choral Eucharist on the final day was the American Episcopal Rite II, at which President Talley preached and officiated. On one evening the editor of THE LIVING CHURCH led a discussion of the diaconate. The Rev. Louis Weil, professor of liturgics at Nashotah House, and well known Anglo-Catholic liturgical scholar, said, "this type of meeting - since it includes not



Fr. Garrison (left), Bishop Arthur, and Fr. Lester during the bishop's visit to All Saints Church, Brooklyn, last fall.

only professors of liturgy, but also tors and a wide spectrum of churc - reminds all of us how much Chri of the different traditions share i common liturgical heritage."

The Rev. Frederick R. McManus provost and dean of graduate stud the Catholic University of America elected president to serve for the two years. Founded in 1967 in Hc the Societas Liturgica has held pro international congresses in several pean centers. Learned papers del: at the congress have often been lished in the international joi Studia Liturgica.

American Priests Installed a Canons in Ghana

Two American priests associated the life of the Diocese of Kumasi, G were installed as canons of Cathedral Church of St. Cyr Kumasi, on the feast of St. Mary dalene in July.

The Rev. Elmore Lester, rector Saints' Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., commissary of the Bishop of Kum the U.S. He was given the stall Luke the Physician in recognition healing mission which he gave a cathedral earlier in the year.

The Rev. Maurice Martin Garri chaplain to the bishop and reside the cathedral. He was given the s St. Augustine in recognition of his in training scholar-priests for diocese. Canon Garrison plans to le and serve as Anglican Tutor at 'I College, Lagon, an ecumenical sen associated with the University of G

The Rt. Rev. J. B. Arthur, Bisl Kumasi, is known to many Ame churchpeople. He has made se speaking tours of this country, the which took place in September and ber, 1978.

Priest: "Not Impressed"

A federal suit accusing the Philadelphia police department of ing the civil rights of every racia ethnic group in the city has failed press the Rev. David M. Gracie, re St. Barnabas Church.

Fr. Gracie, who was one Philadelphia religious leader: brought charges of police bru against the Philadelphia departm

Oct. 2. 1977l, said of the suit, "It s like P.R. to me."

actions of this kind," he said "you ied up in endless litigation and s..." He called it "a suit which will ably be on the back burner after a ays of headlines."

Gracie said he is more interested in pcoming mayoral election. Mayor Rizzo is not seeking a new term. Republican candidate for mayor is Marston, the former U.S. Aty for the Eastern District of Pennnia. Mr. Marston had been inating charges of police brutality allegations of corruption against al prominent Democratic officials he was dismissed abruptly by U.S. nev General Griffin Bell. When the delphia religious leaders visited ington in 1977, they expressed supor Mr. Marston's work.

that time, Fr. Gracie was asked ie thought Philadelphia police were I. It had become "the accepted way licing low-income areas," he said. stills fear and allows the police to heir rage — and it is condoned by igher-ups."

e Ouadricentennial

arly 2.000 people filled Grace dral high on Nob Hill in San Franfor the Sir Francis Drake Quadrianial. Drake's discovery of Califoras formally observed Sunday, June an early evening ceremony at Cathedral that was filled with music, color, and history.

anniversary was that of the first can service ever held in the new . Contrary to what one might have ted, that was not in Jamestown, or msburg, but rather on board Sir is Drake's ship, the Golden Hinde, ed in the lee of Point Reyes in what v known as Drake's Bay, just outhe Golden Gate across from San isco, on June 16, 1579. [It is also ed that Sir John Hawkins, in 1565 rida, was the first to hold such a e. See TLC, Feb. 18]

observances also commemorated rst use of the Book of Common r in California. There was a al Evensong and Solemn Te Deum lanksgiving. The sermon was red by the Lord Bishop of London, t. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Gerald A. 1, who wore the vestments he wore ; the Silver Jubilee celebration of Elizabeth. The cope is embroiwith towers of the 73 parish nes of the Diocese of London.

Quadricentennial was sponsored Royal British Legion and the Sir is Drake Commission, with assisfrom Grace Cathedral.

eded by a ten-minute pealing of rillon, the ceremony began with a Hill and into the cathedral. Nearly 200 persons participated in the procession, including the Lord Bishop of London, federal, state, and city officials, the cathedral choir of boys and men, numerous ecclesiastical dignitaries, and all the bishops of Province VIII.

The procession included the consuls general of 23 different countries, all five branches in the U.S. Armed Forces, and representatives of some 20 British societies in California. All could be seen through the brilliantly-colored banners and the waving flags of the United States and Great Britain.

Music was provided by the Black Raven Pipe Band of the Royal British Legion and the U.S. Sixth Army Band. which flew out its best musicians from throughout the country, as well as the choir and organ of the cathedral.

Following the national anthems of the United States and Great Britain, the assembled bishops carried the flag of the state of California and the Book of Common Prayer to the high altar of the cathedral church.

Then were read messages from Queen Elizabeth II and Governor Brown of California.

The service was also marked by the presentation to the cathedral of two banners, one representing the Queen's coat of arms and the other that of Drake. Both will remain on permanent display in the cathedral.

KAREN BIDGOOD

Britain Lifts Sanctions Against Arthur Lewis

The British Foreign Office has decided to lift its ban against the Rev. Arthur Lewis, and permit him to re-enter Great Britain.

Fr. Lewis, who was struck off the roster of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel when he became a senator in the now disbanded Rhodesian Parliament in 1977, was forbidden to re-enter Britain earlier this year. At that time, the Foreign Office alleged he had furthered the "illegal acts of the illegal government" in Rhodesia [TLC, April 8].

The country, now known as Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, has a new government. A reason for lifting the ban against Fr. Lewis could be the fact that he is no longer a member of a legislature regarded as illegal by Great Britain.

Fr. Lewis is chairman of the Rhodesia Christian Group (RCG), a body which strongly supported the former status quo in Rhodesia. In 1977, at a time when the establishment of a new political structure leading to black majority rule was underway in that country, Fr. Lewis called upon Rhodesia's 270,000 whites to stand firm and "abandon every thought of appeasement" towards the nation's 6.9 million blacks.

deplores the "torpedoing" by successive British governments of the "sensible accommodations" once made by "ordinary blacks" to the white minority in Rhodesia. He is also chairman of the Christian League for Southern Africa, and recently made a speaking tour of South Africa.

Charity Reports Record Income

Christian Aid, the relief arm of the British Council of Churches, broke all collection records last year despite criticism that its money was used to support militant liberation movements in southern Africa.

In a report covering the fiscal year ending last March, the agency said it collected the equivalent of about \$10.760. 000. More than \$6,000,000 of the total was collected during Christian Aid Week, a spring tradition during which thousands of volunteers make house-tohouse calls, sponsor fund-raising walks and do such things as push baby carriages for money. The year marked the first time the charity collected more than \$10 million.

The report said that critics of Christian Aid's disbursements had been "inspired by political convictions, uninformed by truth and caused the charity to spend extra money on swift factual refutations in the media and elsewhere."

"Though plainly intended to erode public confidence and reduce income, the misstatement of facts and misinterpretation of policy by our incautious critics ultimately had the wrong effect," the report said.

It was reported that more than \$4,000,000 had been spent on development projects overseas, about \$900,000 on refugee projects and a like sum to help disaster and emergency victims.



The Rev. Henry H. Sturtevant, vicar of St. Clement's Church, New York City, feeds a horse at the Saratoga Racetrack as part of his vacation time chores.

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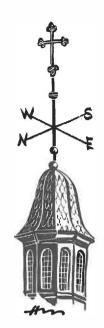


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XTENDING THE WORK OF MINISTRY



In the ministry of the church all are called and everyone answers in his own specific way

By FRANCIS M. BRADLEY

Paul wrote to the Ephesians "... or the equipping of the saints, for ork of ministry, for building up the of Christ ..." (Eph. 4:12). Therehe competency of being a trainer of s an important skill needed today stors. The laity, when adequately d and fully active, can greatly exhe work of ministry.

Rt. Rev. David R. Cochran, Bishop aska, recently stated, "How com-

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monly the term 'ministry' is used to refer to the ordained ministry, and how deeply ingrained is the clericalism that gives rise to such a use." He surveyed current announcements and literature from theological schools and found this statement verified several times. One example from the bulletin of an Episcopal seminary advertising a "Conference on Ministry," whose theme was to be "The Work of Ministry," seemed to be a summary of many. This conference was geared and intended for college juniors and seniors who might be interested in taking a look at ordination and what a seminary had to offer by way of preparation for such ordination. He also found a leaflet announcing the Theological Education Offering stating that "a seminary is a place where vocations to the ministry are nurtured and developed."

Here again, ministry is being equated with the professional work of the ordained clergy. Lay people who are not ordained, are being told in such direct and indirect ways that they do not have a real ministry.

An exploration of the biblical basis for an exposition of lay ministry found in Ephesians 4:11-16, shows that St. Paul's concept is dynamic and corporate — a sharp contrast with contemporary ideas on ministry. This is emphasized in verse 11, where we note that there are several basic ministries (the list is not exhaustive) and they are distributed among several different people. We have created a "one-man-band" instead of a shared, corporate ministry.

The theology is correct. What is not right is the psychology. It is extraordinarily difficult to have a true partnership between clergy and laity. Many lay people cheat about this. The laity like to have "hired plaster saints" to set standards and to be the model Christians. People can laugh at them a little bit behind their backs; clergy can set the church's standard, and the laity can have a rather low standard in their private lives and in public thinking. Laity smile when these "saints" try to make judgments on Rhodesia, or multi-na-

cially if they can't get it right; but the layperson does not take the responsibility of trying to help them get it right.

On the other hand, clergy cheat about this too. It may be the seminaries' fault. Seminarians go into seminary ordinary and come out different! If it's not "shepherds and sheep," then it's "trainers and trainees," and it's nice to be a trainer, and it's something else to be a trainee. There isn't a true Christian partnership in very many clergy-lay relationships.

One way to consider ministry is to look at how, and in what way, or to whom, one shall minister. In much of the concern about lay ministry one could be led to ask about the need. Is there work for a host of lay ministers wishing to exercise their gifts? Yes, for lay ministers there is enough suffering, enough heartbreak and enough tragedy in every waking day to challenge our energies and tax our resources. One such ministry might be to the desperate, who often feel either left out of community or pushed to the very edge of the community circle. Ministry has always been in kitchens, freight yards, parish halls, wakes, and party headquarters. It takes place "on the street." We urgently need local lay ministry training schools where trainers are close to "street life," able to help people use the Bible and become more effective listeners. But above all these lay ministers must have a support system of people like themselves struggling to do God's will in the neighborhood. When faced by a truly committed layman, many priests have not known what to do or how to nurture such a person, except by urging ordination. The institutional church has failed to teach its laity how to be ministers and how to do ministry.

Clergy need to know that their portion of the whole ministry, namely, to communicate the gospel through leading worship, preaching, teaching, administration, and pastoral care, is extremely important. They need to be unashamed to spend their lives communicating the gospel of God's trustworthy care for people and for what people do. Guilt should not lead them to neglect their own unique responsibilities but to engage in the sometimes frantic activities in the world. But clergy who concentrate on their congregations should not fall into the opposite trap, namely the very narrow vision which can see only the activities of the congregation as an organization. For example, consider the rector's conversation with a parishioner who was a member of the public school board. The parishioner explained that he would miss a church committee meeting because of a school board conflict. The rector responded, "Well, if you don't want to put Christ first in your life, that's your decision."

When conflicting "secular" activities

the success of the parish, pastors are not free to encourage, enable, or celebrate ministries which appear to take parishioners away from the activities of the local church. There are no opportunities for laity to talk about, reflect on, and improve their "secular" ministries. On the other hand, when the "secular" ministries of parishioners are recognized as outward extensions of successful parish programs rather than as threats, clergy and other leaders can rejoice in a vision that sees success not only in activities of the "gathered" church but also in the less visible activities of the "scattered" church as well.

Much unnecessary guilt is generated among lay people in speaking about the "ministry of the laity" as a nebulous activity which the laity ought to be doing. Such guilt develops when one hears someone complain, "We need compassion and concern about social problems, but we cannot expect to get this from our

faith without immediately turni the other person?"

For the Christian laity to act c sense of calling to ministry there to be a more decisive way to conficalling as a valid ministry. We more meaningful ways to expect to god's intentic empowerment in that ministry.

Where can lay people go for tra Bible colleges and extension cour Sewanee's extension program an diocesan schools that are open provide a reflective and largely as approach to biblical and theolog sight. In the field of specialized t the National Institute for Lay T has provided skill training for talents, for example, lay pastoral

Although diverse methods of thave been made available to the last have not found in the Episcopal a seminary, school or center that a training program oriented to the

How the parish develops and how its members are involved will make an enormous impact on the world of tomorrow

stultified Christianity;" or again, "We've got to teach people that they have got to be involved in their communities"; and finally, "Outstanding among the characteristics of the modern Christian layman is his inability to understand the connection and interaction between the church and his everyday life on the job and in the family."

More and more the conviction develops from the evidence that a fundamental reason so many lay persons find it difficult to initiate and sustain a ministry is that they find it hard to really believe that they have a ministry at all! In spite of sermons on the "priesthood of all believers" and the admonitions to "live your faith in your daily life" the structural and liturgical life of the church continues to reinforce the assumption that there is no valid lay ministry.

Steel executive William Diehl (in Christianity and Real Life, Fortress Press) spoke of what he has experienced regarding his ministry in his work life. He says:

My church has done very little to support my ministry in the various areas of my life. It has not offered to improve the skills I need to become a better minister. It has not inquired about the ethical decisions I face in my work. It has never had any public affirmation of my lay ministry in my career. I am not asked why I am a Christian. No one ever asks such a question. The usual problem is, "How

as the real core to the work church. I believe that, aside frefamily, the parish is the most imposcial institution in the world. Ho velops and how its members are in will make an enormous impact world of tomorrow.

If we compare the building up body of Christ to the building of ϵ we see that everyone can assist ging the hole for the foundation. that is the only task some want t is important and without this w structure will never get started ever, among the workers are the want to do more. They want to pu plumbing, electrical system, er frame, and raise the roof. To do t quires a bit more skill than he shovel or pushing a wheelbarrow

This desire to do more comes fi person himself and so he seeks propriate education to acquire the sary skill. He does this simply bec feels called to do more.

In the middle ages everyone in trict worked on their cathedral were laborers, others skilled cra and artists. When the magnificen ture was finished the dedication was simply engraved that this ca was built by the people of such an district.

In the ministry of the church called and everyone answers in I specific way. Most important is a result. The body of Christ is enri

EOPLE EOPLE



By A. SHRADY HILL

nk God for problems! They keep interesting and challenging. problems are unfortunate, of and potentially destructive if I to continue unsolved. One of the ns faced by the church is the il ignorance of an extremely high age of its members as to the of the Christian faith. A disionately large number could not e simplest test on the basics of the and the life, structure and purpose church. Time and again we hear ple saying that they have long forgotten anything they ever l in confirmation class and, frethey will volunteer the informaat they never really learned much n with. This results in periodic of adult education, inquirers' and other hopefully seductiveig programs. Few of them are wded.

whole question of adult education, education and filling in the gaps that open up between Mrs. first and second grade class and er years of adulthood, has been dically addressed with no real ting success. In spite of all the forts, a glassy look will still come e face of the average parishioner the Holy Spirit is mentioned, nent on hearing the words "coadshop," and utter blankness at the 1 of the Seven Deadly Sins.

e is one time and one place d to adult teaching in the Prorayer Book as well as in the 1928 - the sermon. I suggest that the matter of preaching be re-exseriously and carefully in the the preaching ministry and the responsibility to instruct, not nort, those in their charge. Out of

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a parish of some 500 people, how many ever attend special study groups? With very rare exceptions, I doubt if more than a maximum of 75 out of 500 take advantage of courses, discussion groups, seminars and other educational activities. Probably this number, in most cases, is on the high side. We won't go into the reasons why the number is so small. They are numerous and real. But there is one time when a sizeable percentage of people are gathered together and except to listen and be taught, the sermon time on Sunday morning.

Right now, I can hear hundreds of clergy asserting that they do teach; that, after all, the sermon is a teaching medium. Let's examine this a bit. Are they teaching or are they spending a lot of time exhorting? There is a difference! The Proposed Prayer Book theoretically is emphasizing Gospel preaching in relocating the place of the sermon. Fine! It is obvious enough that 15 minutes can be spent talking about the wheat and the tares. But there is far more to the symbolism of the tares than "social problems," important as these things are. How many sermons ever deal with the Seven Deadly Sins, explaining what they are and why these things short circuit and kill the life and spirit given by God? Perhaps we live in an age when even the clergy do not consider gluttony to be a sin. It is no wonder that people give back a blank look whenever the word is mentioned

I am well aware that there are those in the church who consider such subjects to be negative. It is fine to emphasize the positive, our responsibility to share the fruits of the earth for example, but it is not teaching unless the other side of the coin is presented and, equally important, the basic theological reasons why. I wonder how many clergy were disturbed and took stock of what they were not teaching when a man of a completely different scholarly discipline, Karl Men-

ninger, was prompted to write a book entitled, Whatever Became of Sin?; this from a discipline that is noted for a neutral or hands-off policy in such matters!

How often does a priest prepare a series of teaching sermons on the Creed, attempting to illuminate in simple language and illustration just what is being said about the God we worship, and why? C.S. Lewis became one of the most popular of modern religious authors because of his ability to present the basic contents of Hall's Theological Outlines in simple language that those of an unphilosophical turn of mind could easily grasp. Some will say, "Then let them read it." Unfortunately, the vast majority of our congregations are not going to read no matter how much they are exhorted. The task is up to the priest and there is only one logical time to do it Sunday morning. But from all I can observe and hear, the specific instructional, teaching function from the pulpit is woefully neglected.

People need and want to hear their parish priest say, "This and this is what the church teaches on this subject and this is the reason why." A year or so ago, I preached a series of three sermons on the subject of life after death, using the basic language of the Proposed Prayer Book and presenting traditional imagery as just that, imagery trying to conceptualize spiritual truth, spiritual experience, if you will. The response was enthusiastic but a disturbing fact emerged. Person after person whose life of worship had spanned many years in the church, informed me that they had never heard a sermon on the subject and appreciated what had been said. I could hardly believe my ears! Are we clergy so insensitive to where people are and what they wonder and think about that so many fail to preach on the subjects that concern them? Too much preaching "views with alarm and sounds trumpet calls" over issues that are not basic to the inner thoughts and needs of the people in the pews. The church does have something very specific to say in spiritual terms as to what happens to us more attention is being given to helping people face the process of death in hospitals or at home, but it is equally the long term and ongoing task of the church to lay down, by teaching, concepts and goals and expectations that go beyond the event and to do this long before the crisis of approaching death takes place. These goals, concepts and expectations can be talked about on Sunday mornings even though the exact details merge into the mysteries of God.

We can go on to other matters. I have yet to hear of a priest who, periodically, spends a few Sundays explaining the church's marriage and divorce canons to his people. The whole matter remains shrouded in mystery to most lay people. Announcing an evening class on the subject will not reach more than a handful and frequently it will be those to whom the whole subject is of purely academic interest anyway. The clergy never teach about it on Sundays and are then surprised and upset when people react to the "rules" with bewilderment and sometimes anger. They are never taught from the pulpit! It is not difficult to do and those who say that it is not of major importance evidently hold the corporate life of Christians as manifested in the visible church in rather low esteem. "This is the rule and this is the spiritual principle and reason behind the rule" is what people want and need to hear.

We should be thankful that the two approaches, the purely sacramental and the emphasis on hearing the Word have at least come to common ground. Both are important. There is a refreshing emphasis on preaching in the Proposed Book. But along with this perhaps we need to reexamine our goals in regard to subject matter. There are those who recall the days of their youth when no man was considered a competent preacher who could not produce a "literary" effort for a solid half hour each Sunday. Minutes were devoted to lucid and often baroque illustrations of a virtue or an idea. Today the byword is "15 minutes" and there are those who opt for ten. Perhaps the golden text of contemporary preaching is, "Thou shalt not be heard for thy much speaking." My plea, my sense of need is that the clergy get down to the business of teaching people from the pulpit and using the time alloted more constructively. Let's not delude ourselves. People are not flocking in any significant numbers to be taught any place else.

It is time that the subject matter of preaching be looked at most carefully for I earnestly believe that we have been on the wrong track for many, many years. I think the clergy have failed when a parishioner comes out of church saying, "Wasn't that inspiring"? I think they have done their task as pastors when they say, "I learned something today!"

MY ODDEST BISHOP

By the VETERAN OF THE VESTRY

Since I have written about a priest and a layperson who are somewhat unusual, a friend has asked me if I have had much experience with bishops. I haven't had much, but the question brings to mind the oddest bishop I ever knew.

It wasn't in this diocese. It was in another part of the country where we lived about 20 years ago. I had just been transferred by my business to a smallish town and our family joined the one Episcopal church there, hoping we would have the kind of parish our children could grow up in. In fact it was a small mission in deep financial need, and we soon found out that it was probably going to be closed. There was no resident priest, but we shared one with another place some miles away. When the bishop came for confirmation our first year there, the rumor was that he would announce the closing of the mission. He met with the committee before the service and after a long and sad session, told them it was the end. It was not a very happy confirmation. Several ladies in church were weeping. The bishop was upset too, and lost his place two or three times. By the end of the service his voice was trembling.

Now I should explain that in this little church the altar was at the top of three wooden steps. A strip of carpet went up the middle of these steps. On the top step, on the right side, just at the edge of the carpet, was a knot hole in the wood. I knew it was there, because once when I took my son David to church one evening to rehearse acolyte's duties, another boy said, "Don't put your finger in there when you kneel down: you might get it stuck and never get loose!"

Well, at the end of this melancholy service the bishop took his silver crook in his left hand and turned around and gave the blessing. Then he started to step down from the altar but he couldn't seem to move. He sort of twitched and turned there for a moment. I realized suddenly what had happened. The end of his crook was stuck down in that knot

hole and he couldn't get it our acolytes came over and pulled bishop pulled, but it wouldn't come

Meanwhile, the closing hymbeing sung and our little choir we The bishop gave up on his crozier learned this was the real word for walked down to the pulpit. His favery red and I thought he was vegry. When the hymn was over you have heard a pin drop, except for Hawkins, the littlest acolyte, whe still working on the crook up laltar.

"Alright," said the bishop, "you can keep your church, but let m my crozier! I'll give you a priest, will do a decent job of supporting He turned and stomped out pulpit. Timmy was standing righ with the crozier which he had so gotten loose. "Here you are, sir", in his little voice. The congrebroke out into applause.

The local paper got the story a never forget the headline of the "Bishop's holy staff stuck in church." The Episcopalians took kidding in town that week, but to keep our church.

The next year, the new young vie a confirmation class of two you and one adult to present. He was v cited. The bishop was to drive before the service, but he did not a We waited and waited. Finally t vice began, twenty minutes late, bishop in sight. Suddenly he rus red in the face, and hurried up th to the sacristy to get his robes on, had the confirmation after all. H no explanation or apology for being It was only afterwards that we l that there had been a wreck on th way outside of town and he had h woman out of a burning car.

Every year something unex happened when he came. It mus been the following year when th and his wife had just had their

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ORGANIST IN A SMALL PARISH?

By W. ROSS JONES

s article is not addressed to the son who has a degree in organ, or arns a livelihood as an organist. ti is meant for the person who, as ocation, plays the organ with able accuracy and is willing to beamiliar with the liturgy, practice by on the available instrument, whatever direction the rector r offers.

Should You Take the Position?

u have been asked to serve as st, or if you apply for the position event of a vacancy, you should discussion with the rector/vicar mine whether the two of you can rell together. If you have definite rious preferences regarding the which do not coincide with those rector, it would be best to decline sition since these things, along a music, are his prerogatives and subject to vestry action or to cononal "popularity polls."

your taste coincide well enough hat of the rector to prevent later ents over such things as your of preludes, the choice of hymns, and service music (standard comments settings vs. folk masses, etc.)? It willing to spend considerably han just the one-hour-per-week he congregation sees you at the choosing and practicing the music, hymns and chants, selectoropriate registrations for them, herwise preparing yourself to play quate service?

ss Jones, of Delmont, Pa., is t-choirmaster at the Church of the Jeannette, Pa. If your answers to the above questions are in the affirmative, and you are offered the position, accept it and be prepared to give your best.

If the appointment does not take effect immediately, it would be to your advantage to attend services at the parish in order to observe the way things are done. If this is not possible, study the Prayer Book carefully, and ask for a conference with the rector/vicar to determine which parts of the service are customarily said or sung, which options provided by the Prayer Book will be used, etc.

It would be a great help if you could obtain, as soon as possible, a copy of *The Episcopal Choirmaster's Handbook* [reviewed in TLC, Aug. 20, 1978] published by the Handbook Foundation, 524 Fourth St., Sauk Centre, Minn. 56378 (\$7.00 postpaid). It contains a vast amount of information useful to the organist, including church customs, hymn selections based on the liturgical year, suggestions for wedding and funeral services, and much more.

The Organ

As soon as you can, get permission from the rector to begin regular practice on the organ in that church. Every pipe organ is different from every other pipe organ, and even standard models of electronic organs sound different from similar makes and models located in buildings with different acoustics, or when equipped with different types of speakers.

Some small parishes are unable to afford a pipe organ and have instead installed a Hammond, Rodgers, Allen or other type of electronic organ. If the instrument that you are going to be required to play turns out to be a Ham-

one of these, you are immediately faced with a problem. Instead of stop tablets or knobs with familiar names (Diapason, Flute, Salicional, etc.) you will find a group of pre-set combinations (an octave of reversed black and white keys at the lower end of each manual) along with several sets of tone drawbars.

Since the most important function of an organist is to accompany the hymns and service music, determine which of the pre-sets sounds best for these applications. (Never depress more than one at a time on each manual, and *never* use any tremolo when accompanying hymns or chants.)

It would be wise to get in contact with a Hammond organ dealer and get a manual describing the organ and the use of the drawbars in developing additional tonal combinations that may be more satisfactory for use in a liturgical church than the ones pre-set at the factory. Many public libraries have, or can get for you, a book called Dictionary of Hammond Organ Stops (Stevens Irwin, published by Schirmer Books, \$6.95 paper). A thorough study of this book, particularly the sections devoted to the development of chorus (principal, flute and reed) combinations as opposed to solo stops, will be of great assistance.

At your practice sessions try out various drawbar combinations, striving for good, clean chorus sounds of various strengths and harmonic richness that will more properly serve to accompany the hymns.

Remember two things. One is that the combination that sounds good in an empty church may need to be "brighter" (contain more of the upper harmonics) in a full church. The other is that the organ may sound somewhat different in the nave of the church than it does to you at the console. (This applies equally to pipe or electronic organs. The location of the pipes or speakers in relation to the console and to the nave have a considerable effect on the selection of stops to produce a satisfactory sound in the nave.)

After discovering several combinations that you feel are satisfying, get someone qualified to join you at the church. Play a stanza of a hymn, using one of your combinations while the other person listens in the nave. Then, without changing the setting, let him play it for you while you listen in the nave. This way you accomplish two things: You get his reaction to the sound you have created, and you discover the possible differences of sound between what you heard at the console and what it really sounds like away from it.

When you have discovered the combinations that sound best in your church, these can easily be transferred to the combination action on your pipe organ

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EDITORIALS

Parish Administration

While the eyes of many are being directed to the General Convention in Denver, most of us are in our home parishes. In a very important sense for the church, the local parish is where the action is. It is right here, in our local churches, that actual communities of people live and experience the Christian life and seek to relate themselves to God in prayer and praise, in hearing his word and sharing his holy sacraments. Whatever resolutions may or may not be passed in Denver, the health and vitality of the church still has to be nurtured, strengthened, and brought to fulfillment here at the local level. This year, as every year, getting the full program and parish activities off to a vigorous start will lead to good results in the months ahead.

Yet vigor alone is not the answer. Religion is concerned with the deeper things of life, with value, purpose, and meaning. A parish program, no matter how active, is not fulfilling its purpose if it does not embody thought, information, reflection, and prayer. We hope that the ideas, suggestions, and experiences of others that are presented in this Parish Administration Number will help you and your fellow church members to have a fuller, richer, and deeper parish life.

Evaluate Now

As we enter the busy fall season, we naturally look forward to the programs and activities of the parish in the months ahead. Yet before summer is too far behind us, our parishes should evaluate what took place during July and August. The fact that most parishes have had little special activity during these months does not eliminate the value of considering whether that little was helpful and constructive.

Before it has all been forgotten, the question should be asked whether the summer schedule of services was well planned, and if so, or not so, then why? Was there a vacation Bible school or other activity for children? Should there have been? Anything particular for older children, adults, older adults? Can we see the pitfalls which could be avoided next year? Are there things we should do this winter in order to be better equipped for next summer? Did lay readers officiate during the rector's vacation, and if so were they adequately prepared? Did supply clergy officiate, and if so, were they satisfactory? If a supply priest was particularly satisfactory, was he welcomed in such a way that he will be likely to return next summer? Was the church adequately advertised to summer visitors, if your community has them? If so, were they properly welcomed and successfully encouraged to return?

There are many other questions applicable to particular congregations. The time to ask these questions is now. With such evaluations in hand, thought and planning this winter can make next summer a better one.

Ordination Under Scholarly Scrutiny

he recent international congress of liturgical s Llars held in Washington by the Societas Litu [page 9] was an unusual occasion — not least bec Washington provided comparatively cool sum weather. The scholarly atmosphere of the meeting well illustrated at lunch one day when one of English lecturers was introduced to one of the Ar can ones. Without pausing for How-do-you-do, hell any other pedestrian greeting, the former said to latter as they shook hands heartily, "I recently or heard someone accusing you of believing that Strasbourg papyrus is complete: I do too!" Such rar discourse, however, was frequently punctuated by sonal or humorous comments, and the hilarious a dotes of Père Pierre-Marie Gy, O.P., the distingui French patristic scholar, will long be remembered. ing a coffee break, a Roman Catholic sister came 1 your editor and said she had just been at the confer on Faith, Science and the Future at MIT, and she gratulated TLC on giving extensive coverage [Aug 19, and 26] to this important event which was so lar tably neglected by the press at large.

The primary impression of the congress, at leas this participant, was, in the best sense of the word professionalism. These were men and women who k their field and who knew their language — expres themselves with precision and clarity even when several cases, they were not using their native tor The findings of recent scholarship were affirmed where the evidence was uncertain, ignorance and d were readily acknowledged. At the same time, pastoral and devotional concerns of the particip were reflected in the dignity and reverence with w they conducted services and the enthusiasm with w they chanted canticles and psalms. At a time v liturgical opinions (including those with no historic documentary basis) are so freely bandied about ir Episcopal Church we need this kind of informed, ciplined, and critical competence. The specific top discussion, the rites of ordination, is of obvious in tance. Again and again, scholars of various t grounds affirmed the pattern of ordination in which candidate is selected and proposed by the assemb the church, prayed for by the church (clergy and la and then receives the laying-on-of-hands with a sol prayer by the bishop, a prayer in which God is ackr edged as the bestower of ordination. The Episc Church was recognized as now having precisely su rite and it was explicitly commended. Such comme tion was moving and humbling to the Episcopa present.

A final thought was contributed by Profe Geoffrey Wainwright on the relation between the dained and the unordained: "It has been the considuty of the ordained ministry to recognize, foster, harmoniously exploit the gifts of all the members

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Dr. Cunningham's book is a thorough survey of the New Testament theology of stewardship. Although the writing is a bit dry, it should help any Christian. Scriptural references are given generously.

(The Rev.) FREDERICK T. VANDERPOEL St. Andrew's Church Kansas City, Mo.

Themes and Patterns

CAN WE TRUST THE OLD TESTA-MENT? By William Neil. Seabury/Crossroad. Pp. 148. \$6.95.

William Neil has written a little book that would make a decent addition to a parish library. It surveys the themes and patterns which tie together the Old and New Testaments in a unified revelation of God: what he is like, what he has done, what he continues to do today, and what he will do in the future. Neil's view is that without the Old Testament the Good News of the Gospel is incomplete.

The themes are traced from Genesis through the prophets and writings with continued reference to the New Testament. The final three chapters, drawn from three essays published elsewhere ("The Unity of the Bible"), is the best material in the book.

Other than a few minor questions, my basic criticism is not of the writer but of the publisher. The proofreading at times is sloppy, with six typographical errors in one chapter alone. Still, it is a book that the average layman would enjoy. It is not a book for scholarly use as there are no footnotes or bibliography.

(The Rev.) C. CORYDON RANDALL Trinity Church Fort Wayne, Ind.

More Music

Music for Ministers and Congregation. Church Hymnal Corp. Pp. 48. \$2.65.

This attractive booklet provides music for those many points in the liturgy where versicles and responses are, or may be, chanted. The material relating to the Eucharist is generally what appears in the Musical Appendix to The Holy Eucharist, Altar Edition, pp. 216-35, but settings for sursum corda are also included. Material for Baptism, Holy Week rites, order for the Evening, and Morning and Evening Prayer (Rites I and II) is provided. Proper Prefaces are not included (they are noted in the Altar Edition) nor are the canticles for the of-

gucan Chant, and contemporary settings in The Book of Canticles.)

H.B.P.

Ouestions Christians Ask

INTERPRETING RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE. By Peter Donovan. Seabury/Crossroad. Pp. 120. \$3.95.

In this clear and excellently written book, Professor Donovan probes many of the questions about religious experience thoughtful Christians ask, and quite a few they might not have considered!

He looks at different types of religious experience, asks how firm is the step from experience to valid knowledge of an "outside" reality (God), and reminds us that "feeling certain" is not necessarily being right. He looks at many arguments that try to make the momentous step, but also gives a fair evaluation of some recent philosophical misgivings about them.

This is exactly the kind of book to use with an interested, though sceptical group of 12th graders or in an adult education group.

(The Rev.) SIMON MEIN St. Andrew's School Middletown, Del.

Biblical Roots

THE REBIRTH OF MINISTRY. By James D. Smart. Westminster. Pp. 192. \$4.95 paper.

The author of this stimulating book believes that the church in the modern world has lost the essential focus of its life and vocation, and that this malaise can be attributed, in large measure, to a crisis in ministry. The nub of this crisis is that the church is no longer able to say with certainty "what a minister is intended to be." An adequate vision of ministry has been progressively eroded as ministers and Christian congregations have lost touch with their biblical roots.

The solution to this dilemma lies in rediscovering (a) that the ministry into which Christians are called is, first and last, the ministry of Jesus, and (b) "... that its nature has already been determined for us by his life, death and resurrection, and by the work of his Spirit."

The book is slightly dated in tone, having been published in 1960 and simply reissued without revision in its present form. It is written from a conservative theological perspective, and the language throughout reflects something of this mood and quality. While the author's statement is quite sound, persons reading from the liberal perspective may be put off somewhat by the tone.

These things aside, however, The Rebirth of Ministry is a sound, provoca-

lar and pastor, knows whereof he speaks, and his book has significant things to say to persons — clergy and lay — who love the church and are concerned for the fullness of her ministry. It has had a significant impact on me and the key leadership people in my parish.

(The Rev.) C. MICHAEL THORNBURG Emmanuel Church Weston, Conn.

Floral Arrangements

HOMAGE THROUGH FLOWERS: A Handbook. By Sandra S. Hynson and the Washington Cathedral Altar Guild. Felfoot Publishers (3511 Lowell St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016). Pp. 82. \$12.95.

Mrs. Hynson has written an excellent book on flower arrangements for the Washington Cathedral. A small parish, however, does not have the equipment or the finances that are envisioned by the author.

The suggestions for special services and festival occasions are perhaps the most valuable parts of the book, and should stimulate the efforts of all who are interested in beautifying the sanctuary on special occasions.

I found Appendices 1, 2, 3, and 4 especially helpful. Appendix 1 deals with the method of keeping flowers fresh and so extending their usefulness. Appendix 2 deals with shades of flowers and foliage and should be particularly helpful to persons in large parish situations with a wide variety of flowers from which to select their arrangements. The building of frames is discussed in Appendix 3. This and Appendix 4 are closely related and would help those responsible for floral arrangements in large churches.

This book would also be of great assistance to professional flower arrangers and members of garden clubs.

CAROLYN H. KERR Burlington, Vt.

Observing the Human Condition

MIRRORS OF MAN IN EXISTEN-TIALISM. By Nathan A. Scott, Jr. Collins. Pp. 248. \$7.95.

"What, indeed, does it mean for a human being to be human? What is the distinctively human component in humankind? How does a man properly go about discovering and reverencing and preserving his humanity? What is 'the human'?" (p. 224)

Existentialism, says Nathan Scott, is the representative way of thinking by which the contemporary world answers these most basic questions of human existence. He has chosen to analyze the Existentialist view of life not thematically but biographically, through the life and thought of six representative thinkers:

Camus, Dartie, and Duber.

As an introduction to their thought, the book is a small masterpiece of lucid descriptive writing. Its author approaches each of his subjects with respect and sympathy, and the result is a superb introduction to their perspective. (It should be noted, however, that the author's elegant prose is occasionally marred by his idiosyncratic use of punctuation and word choice: Why reconcilement rather than reconciliation? And this reader at least wishes that he might have found more inclusive language than man and men. But such objections are perhaps trivial in the light of its overall clarity and even grandeur of style.

Scott's intention is to present an introduction to a school of thought, and his own point of view emerges only rarely until the brief evaluation at the end of the volume. In his conclusion, however,



the author permits himself to comment that "Existentialism may well be considered to be the most robust and influential humanism of our period, and the one which, perhaps more than any other, represents the characteristic contribution of the twentieth century to the humanistic tradition." He affirms that the category of the human is "discoverable only when one descends into the interior of the person;" but, as if anticipating objections from those with a less subjective view of reality, he insists that Existentialism properly understands the self as related — i.e., the inter-personal, social and political environment has a significant part to play in describing the

Scott claims, rightly I believe, that the Existentialists' search for the human, and the frequently tragic mood of that search, is the inevitable outcome of the scientific worldview which is characterized precisely by de-humanization. The Existentialist finds no comfort in a given human nature, yet there is a common, even universal, dimension to the loneliness with which human beings face their inevitable fate. Indeed, if there is any transencence for most of the writers

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and most electronics, or to the pre-set keys on the Hammond instrument. (Check with a Hammond dealer for this procedure.)

Your Choice of Preludes

If an organ prelude precedes the service in your parish, remember that its purpose is not to "entertain" the gathering congregation, nor to impress them with your abilities as an organist. Rather, it should be an aid in establishing an atmosphere of worship and preparing the congregation for their participation in the corporate worship service.

Here are some points to consider in choosing the preludes:

1. Select a piece that is within your technical ability. You may be more nervous playing for the congregation than you were during your practice.

2. Choose something that does not conflict with the liturgical theme of the day, especially if you should choose a prelude based on a well-known hymn tune.

3. Practice registration changes so that you can make them smoothly and confidently.

Playing the Hymns

If the rector/vicar selects the hymns, ask for a list several weeks ahead, if possible, so that you can practice them. Practicing a hymn does not mean that if it has four stanzas you can play it four times through without making a mistake. It really means that you learn your playing to fit the words.

When you introduce a hymn, play it at about the same volume you will use with the congregation, and at exactly the tempo you intend to use. Then stick to it. Don't let the congregation drag or hurry the tempo. A more staccato touch, rather than legato, may be required to maintain the tempo of the hymn singing, depending partly on the building's acoustics.

Try singing the hymn yourself as you play it during your practice period. This will help you to determine both a comfortable singing tempo and one well suited to the text. Always remember that the words are more important than the tune in determining your choice of registration and tempo.

Your Relationship to the Congregation

Develop such a relationship with the rector/vicar that the two of you can, indeed, present a "united front" in any discussion concerning the music. If someone from the congregation offers suggestions or criticism about the choice of hymns, service music, the ritual, etc., remind him that these are matters which are under the control of the rector and should be discussed with him. Here is where your united front comes in. Don't get involved in arguments about the music with the parishioners; you have only one "boss," and that is the rector.

Good luck in your new position. It can

be very rewarding.

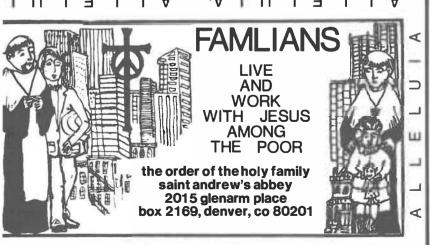


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They were very flustered because the bishop and his wife insisted on staying at the vicarage on Saturday night. The bishop was to baptize the baby on Sunday. On Friday evening the vicar called up and asked if my wife and I would like to join them with two other couples for a Dutch treat party at a restaurant up on the river. We were surprised and asked what was up: the vicar just said, "We're celebrating." It was a place my wife and I had enjoyed going to before, but we had never thought of going out with the vicar and his wife.

At dinner, the vicar's wife told us all what had happened. On Friday afternoon they were busy cleaning out the guest room. Just when everything was a mess, in walked the Right Reverend and Mrs. Bishop, a day early. The vicar's wife was terrified. The first thing the bishop said was, "When did you and your husband last go out for an evening?" She told us she was too stunned to answer. "Well," said he, "call up some friends and go out tonight. We're baby-sitting for you, and we have our own supper in a casserole we have with us."

We had fun that night, and in spite of the Dutch treat invitation, my friends and I took care of the vicar's bill. It was the first of several pleasant evenings that we had together during the next two or three years.

It was next year that the bishop did not come. There was a meeting for bishops in England and he had a different schedule. I remember because our oldest daughter had to wait till the following year for confirmation.

Then there was the oddest year of all. This was the year both of our daughters were to be confirmed. The bishop was to come in on Saturday afternoon before the confirmation on Sunday. In the middle of the week the vicar told me he got a phone call to pick up a package at the bus station. It turned out to be a suitcase with the bishop's robes and things. That was certainly strange.

river, it happens that on this particular weekend some civic group had organized a canoe race beginning in a town some miles upstream and ending in our town. The finish was to be in a park at the edge of town, and the canoes were expected to arrive in the middle of Saturday afternoon. They had a platform and a band out there, and there was a soft drink and hot-dog stand. Quite a lot of people went out to see the finish. As soon as the canoes came into sight, everyone screamed and cheered. The second canoe across the line was a bright purple one. The people in the three winning boats were invited up on the platform, given prizes, and asked to introduce themselves on the loudspeaker. Guess who was the red-faced man in a khaki shirt and shorts who had been in the rear seat of the purple canoe — it was our bishop! A lady from our church who was standing near my wife and me said she had never been so embarrassed in her life. Since he was older than the other canoeists, he got a lot of applause, and he made a short speech telling everyone to have fun on Saturday but to be in church on Sunday. We had a full house in our little church the next day, and he gave them a rousing sermon. By this time our little church had gotten up to a dozen candidates for confirmation.

After church, he came to lunch at our house. Then he changed his clothes and we drove him back to where he had left his canoe in the park. He had had a local fellow as his partner in the race; now he was going down the river alone. He kissed my wife and the two girls goodbye, shook hands with David and me, and said a prayer of blessing over us, right there on the dock. Then he got into his purple canoe and paddled off.

A few months later I got a new job and we moved to our present home. We never saw him again, but he somehow left a mark on our family we never have forgotten. The girls put a picture of him in our family photograph album. Underneath they didn't put his name; they just

labeled it "Our Bishop."

Prayer

 \mathbf{T} ake my mind that it may be Filled with thoughts inspired by thee; Take my lips that they may speak Words of love to those who seek How to live on this thy earth. Take my heart and set on fire Fervent love and deep desire Always to proclaim thy truth; So my soul and body be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.

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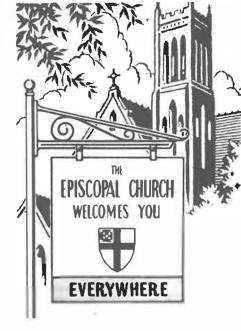
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