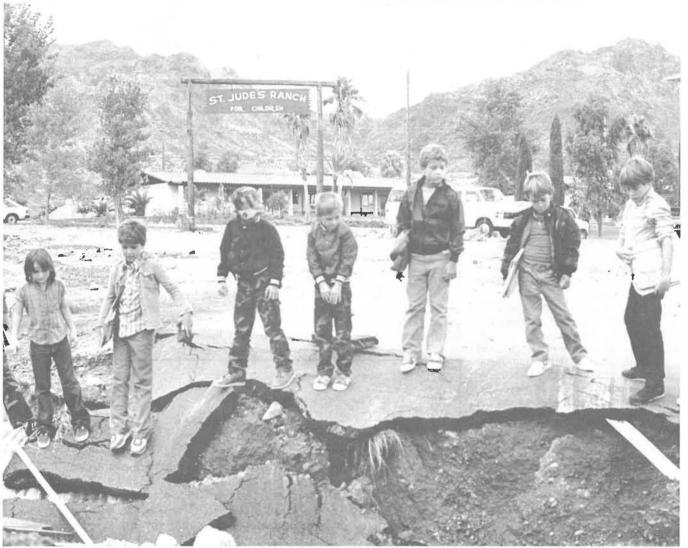
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Children at St. Jude's Ranch, Boulder City, Nev., survey storm damage: Four flash floods in less than two months [p. 13].

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The Treasure of the Beach

By ROY W. STRASBURGER

ever get enough beach-walking. My vife, Pat, and I love to walk the cool, beaches of California, in good ther and bad. It's good exercise, n air, a different sound, and absoly delightful.

ie cold and windy weekday about years ago, we were walking along a ially deserted beach that is part of charm of that California town known Carmel-by-the-Sea. Pacing briskly g the hard, wet sand, leaning into wind and really not looking up, I ed my eyes for an instant and there as — the treasure.

lay there, wet and streaked with I, just above the waterline where the had tossed it only moments before. he treasure is a glass float, the kind l by North Pacific fishermen, nota-Japanese, to give the necessary vancy to their nets. It is quite norfor the floats to break loose from the , and they can be found from time to along the Washington, Oregon, and fornia coasts, sometimes whole and etimes represented only by broken es. They come in many sizes, aligh the ones used in deep water are erally of a diameter of six to 12 es.

y treasure, which made it to the th against terrible odds, wending its through some jagged rocks about eet off shore, is a nine inch float in a utiful shade of bluish-green. Like all ts kind, it is roughly hand-blown, htly irregular in its shape, and the tom is flattened with a big dent re the glass blower's pipe was con-

guest columnist this week is the . Roy W. Strasburger, rector of St. lrew's Church, Saratoga, Calif. nected. My float has grains of sand embedded around the base where the hot glass was set down on a faraway beach to cool the day it was made.

The treasure had taken a long journey to me, probably around 6,000 miles, most of that across the open stretches of the north Pacific. It had probably broken loose from a net along the southern or southeastern coast of Japan, and the great clockwise currents brought it to that beach where I found it — first the Japan Current, then the sweeping North Pacific Drift, which reaches our continent at about Vancouver Island, and then the California Current, which sweeps along the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California and then departs cycle again.

Best estimates are that the treasure made only one trip with the currents the sea growth and algae were fairly light and the barnacles nestled in the dent at the bottom were of a size to suggest less than a year in the water. Some floats can be examined to discover if they have made two or more trips.

I prize the treasure greatly. When I brought it home, I cleaned it as best I could and now only a faint mark remains to show the waterline that was established during its long journey. I keep it in my office, on one of the top shelves of a baker's rack, in a spot where I can see it from the places where I work.

Like so many of the mementos I bring from vacations — a shell, a necktie, a rock, a piece of driftwood — the treasure instantly recalls the details of its discovery. It's a refreshing and permanent way to remember good times.

But the treasure has come to have a special meaning for me, and I often share it with friends, handing them the float so they can touch it and peer through its greenish blue opaqueness. All this has to do with the absolute ne cessity of getting away, of disengaging of finding refreshment and reflection. Too often, those men and women who share the vocation of ordination find it hard to do this.

The treasure came to me in the midst of a time of detachment and refreshment, and it reminds me that I need to return to that place from time to time just as I need to return to continuing education, times of spiritual renewal and times of relational growth.

I have almost come to feel that it was the treasure which found me. We have become very good friends.

An Elderly Autumn

All through the smoldering,

slow, ageless aeon that we know as autumn, trees thrust out their long rich veins of gold deep! deep! into the hard blue slate of sky, and leave them etched in slab of azure rock to mellow and mature through autumn's aeon.

And then the gold rush starts!

It is the one whose sharp, prospecting eyes takes the time to ramble nature's mine, and glean from it a gold that yields its gain sluiced in the soul, and bagged up in the brain.

Gloria Maxson



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LETTERS

Exception Taken

Please allow me the space to take exception to your editorial, "Or I Resign," [TLC, Sept. 23].

In that editorial you say, "This was the mistake in the protest against the ordination of women in the 1970s." You characterize those who left the Episcopal Church as having a "do-it-my-wayor-I-quit" approach. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

I was taught in an Episcopal seminary (Seabury-Western) by J. V. Langmead Casserley that I have "no faith of my own," the name of a book he wrote. I had learned the same lesson from reading C. S. Lewis. This was not an action taken in a fit of pique. And I resent the implication that it was a purely individualistic, selfish reaction. It was nothing of the sort.

I believe all of us who believed ourselves to have no alternative to the action we took did it because we understood that it is not our church, or the General Convention's church; it is not a church where doctrine is decided by personal preference or by majority vote.

We believe the church is a catholic church in the sense of "the Vincentian Canon:" that is, catholic doctrine is that which has been believed "everywhere, always, and by all." By that definition it is clear that a church which ordains women cannot be a catholic church.

You speak of our having had no influence or leverage or effective strategy. Perhaps not, but then maybe that's not what we were after. I believed it to be a matter of conscience and honesty.

(The Ven.) JEAN PIERRE MESHEW Diocese of the Southwest Anglican/American Episcopal Church Bedford, Texas

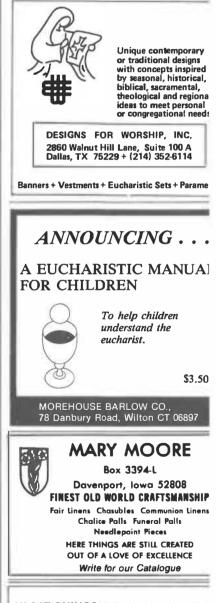
We respectfully beg to correct our correspondent. We did not refer to anyone having "a fit of pique," or "a purely individualistic, selfish reaction." Instead, we pointed out that resignation, in the case referred to, was "no longer an effective strategy." We defend the latter statement. Strong dissention and ill-feeling on this particular issue continue to be evident within the Episcopal Church. The problem was not solved by the sincere, conscientious, and costly withdrawal of some people. Ed.

Regarding the editorial, "Or I Resign," I could not agree with you more!

I am heartily in agreement that those who quit the church because of disagreement with it lost all leverage and influence. Certainly you are correct that

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out, or at least it ought to be so. It the other side of not dropping out allow legal dissent. That attribute dly lacking in this church today.

(The Rev.) JOHN C. PASCO St. Michael's Church

a, Okla.

Abortions Are Not Needed

ank you for your recent editorials the article about abortion [TLC, 8]. Perhaps God has permitted an rtunity to come before us — an opunity to witness to the love God has each of us; to the love we have for and for his gift of life; as well as to ove and compassion we have for all le.

ie way I see for the Episcopal :ch to make good this opportunity is is to teach our people so thoroughly the possibility for abortion doesn't arise.

, the same time, each parish could a network of support groups that d arrange for shelter for the woman ive or six months in the home of a stian family — perhaps one with 1g, accepting children.

e parish support group would are for medical expenses to be met ugh the time of normal delivery

This must be absolutely under-

ioners, by the woman, and by the people providing the medical services. During this time the woman could decide whether to keep the child with her or give it out for adoption.

The mother need never experience the potential guilt that can come with denying life. The Episcopal Church would provide living proof of its stand that abortion is not an acceptable method of birth control and that our church cares deeply enough to be willing to take constructive measures to stop the taking of the lives of conceived babies.

Sr. GRACE MARIE, C.T. Community of the Transfiguration Cincinnati, Ohio

Virginia in Summer

I have thoroughly enjoyed Fr. Du Priest's First Articles. The one about collecting insurance on a rural debit was so typical of my husband and his brother who covered such routes with their agents in central and southwestern Virginia [TLC, Aug. 26]. They had many stories they heard around potbellied stoves in country stores and came home ladened with fresh vegetables, eggs, etc.

The recent First Article on travels with the children on the byroads to see the sights — both historic and otherwise

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- was using that is the presence of an or those places. We too took our children on such trips all over the state of Virginia. ELIZABETH S. KREGER

Lynchburg, Va.

Stewardship of Training

Your recent news item that relates to the tenth anniversary of the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church, [TLC, Sept. 2] prompts some comment.

I would ask, if the ordination of women was such a revolutionary event in the Episcopal Church, why are we not experiencing the results of this change? I do not know or see any increase in membership, greater missionary fervor, increase in giving, or a new sense of direction or purpose in the Episcopal Church. What I do see is a continuation of secularization, a push for position and security, a languishing in the devotions. We no longer even flail at windmills.

There is a curious lack of stewardship of all the time, energy, and money the church has put into the selection, training, and education of her clergy. I know personally a number of clergy who are no longer within any structure of church for purposes of serving the church, having a ministry within the official Episcopal Church. For one reason or another, they have found jobs in business, government, and the non-profit sector.

They are canonically resident in some diocese, and they may consider their work to be serving the Lord in some capacity, but their experience and train ing are lost to the church, except for ar occasional supply.

I have to question why bishops con tinue the processes for selecting new candidates for ministry and continue to ordain when there is no place for the ordinands in the church. I also wonder why some candidates seek ordination knowing that they are unlikely to serve the church within her life and worship.

(The Rev.) GEORGE P. TIMBERLAKE Germantown, Md.

Courtesies of Caretakers

Such little courtesies as Rae Whitney observed in St. Paul's Cathedral [TLC Sept. 2] not only imprint themselves in happy memory, they bespeak the spirit of the place.

On our honeymoon to England over a decade ago, my wife and I made a verita ble pilgrimage to one of the best known of college chapels. After an Evensong which fulfilled all our glorious anticipa tions, the vergers scooted us out of the church to prepare for a concert sched uled that night.

They were so energetic in closing the rather substantial iron gate, that they failed to notice the foot they were crunching in the process, belonging to the woman right behind us. Later, we were asked to sympathize with the bur crowds.

By contrast, the ushers at Westminster Abbev - surely among the mostvisited shrines of Christendom - so warmly greeted us for services that we long to return.

One, it seemed, had become just another museum; the other, a welcoming house of God. So its caretakers appeared to act, and to convey a point for parishes like mine to remember.

(The Rev.) R. DAVID Cox St. David's Church Gales Ferry, Conn.

Unreasoned Attack!

Your editorial, "Religious Principles and Public Office," strikes me as a thinly veiled, unreasoned attack on Rep. Geraldine Ferraro's position on the abortion issue [TLC, Sept. 16].

WILLIAM R. ETHERIDGE Cookeville, Tenn.

Sorry, but THE LIVING CHURCH takes no position for or against political parties in the U.S., or their particular candidates. Ed.

The Mystery of Matins

Thank you for the Feasts, Fasts, and Ferias column, "The Mystery of Matins" [TLC, Sept. 9].

Since the beginning of seminary, I have practiced the exercise of reading laily Morning Prayer each day and have been quite faithful in fulfilling the discioline. At the beginning, as you suggest, the exercise was shrouded in dullness.

But, from time to time, a light would shine, and the wonder, beauty, fear, and oy of the numinous blew away the shroud. As years passed, the shroud wore thinner and thinner. One of the rreat joys of the past several years has been starting each day with the reading of daily Morning Prayer.

The Rev. Canon) LYMAN B. GREAVES (ret.)

Melbourne, Fla.

Headquarters' Location

I may be wrong, but it appears to me that the debate resulting from the prooosed sale of "815," in which an "either/ or" mentality emerges, ignores a very mportant trend. John Naisbitt, in Meatrends, identifies California, Washingon, Colorado, Connecticut, and Florida is bellwether states in which new and nnovative trends tend to originate.

The church would be well served to nave its finger on the pulse of these rends which impact upon the church, and to have a prophetic voice and presence on the cutting edges of society, instead of reacting after the fact.

Furthermore, such regional centers ould specialize in providing appropriate ceses and parishes within the region. One frequently heard complaint about "815" is that it tends to have a somewhat myopic view of what the church needs, with the result that much is written and disseminated concerning the plight of the urban church, and very little effort goes into supporting small, rural parishes and congregations.

Regional centers would help alleviate such problems. The New York or northeastern regional center could continue with its efforts to focus on problems of city and urban congregations. A southeastern center in Florida could focus on refugee ministry, drug counseling, etc. A midwestern center might concentrate on ministry in the heartland, and a western regional center could address environmental and quality of life ministries.

The need to maintain a single site national headquarters in this age of instant global communication is no longer convincing.

(The Rev.) PETER J. REYNIERSE St. James Church Prospect Park, Pa.

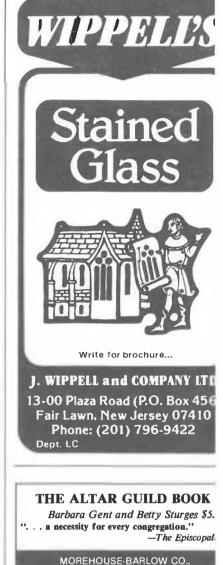
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I, by chance, came 'cross this thought: That you might not be here.

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isiana Rector Elected

September 14, a special convention ne Diocese of Fort Worth met in rnwood, Texas, and elected the Rev. ence C. Pope, rector of St. Luke's rch, Baton Rouge, as Bishop Coadto succeed the Rt. Rev. A. Donald es when the latter retires at the being of 1986.

her candidates were: the Rev. Rid G. Copeland, rector of Grace ch, Ocala, Fla.; the Rev. Charles C. th, rector of St. James' Church, Milsee, Wis.; the Rev. J. Robert Maceo, or of St. John's Church, Dallas; the Edgar F. Wells, rector of St. Mary /irgin Church in New York City; and Ven. Robert N. Willing, archdeacon e Upper Hudson Region in the Dioof New York.

llowing a celebration of the Euchathe 78 clerical and 132 lay delegates a ballot. The committee on elections bunced that the ballot displayed e lay votes than lay delegates regisl, and Bishop Davies ruled the balnvalid. After the registration probwere resolved, a ballot was cast a which Fr. Pope was elected by an whelming margin.

shop Davies appointed a committee ommunicate with Fr. Pope, chaired he Rev. Charles E. Jenkins, III, recof St. Mark's Church in Arlington, is. After expressing emotional reacto the swiftness and strength of his ion, Fr. Pope agreed to go to Texas ice to accept the election before the nd diocesan convention, which was invene immediately upon the special vention's adjournment.

orn in Shreveport, La., in October,), the new bishop-elect is a graduate entenary College and the University ie South. He served churches in sevother Louisiana communities before uning rector of St. Luke's in 1963. ie 1957, he has been married to the ier Martha Julia Haley. The couple two children.

w Provinces Proposed

new plan for redesigning the provinsystem of the Episcopal Church has a sent to the standing committee on cture of the church. In place of the ent nine provinces (with about a en dioceses in each), the plan proses that there be 19 provinces with about five dioceses in each.

The plan has been drafted by the Rt. Rev. William C. Wantland, Bishop of Eau Claire, and the Rev. Richard A. Kallenberg of Stevens Point, Wis. The proposal reflects the experience of the three Wisconsin dioceses, which have cooperated in the Wisconsin Episcopal Conference for a decade. This year, the Bishop of Northern Michigan and representatives from that diocese met with the Wisconsin group.

Proponents of the new plan argue that a small grouping of closely related dioceses can work together more effectively than the present large provinces, and that various functions now dealt with by General Convention could be accomplished at the provincial level.

Handbook Editor Dies

The music of the Episcopal Church lost one of its most active proponents, and THE LIVING CHURCH lost one of its most generous supporters with the death on September 18 of John Carton Grant, M.D. Dr. Grant had singlehandedly edited the *Episcopal Choir*master's Handbook every year since 1956.

John C. Grant was born in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1914, attended college and medical school at the University of Minnesota, and undertook general medical practice as a family physician in Sauk Centre, a small town about 120 miles northwest of the Twin Cities. There he and his wife Phyllis raised three daughters and remained for the rest of their lives. Within this setting Dr. Grant lived a most creative and unusual life.

Having studied the organ as a boy, he became a highly proficient organist and also built a number of instruments, including one in the Church of the Good Samaritan, Sauk Centre, and one in his own home. He served as organist at Good Samaritan for many years, and an established feature in town life was his annual ecumenical service of Lessons and Carols in Advent, which had to be repeated several times each year to accommodate the large attendance.

Begun in 1956, the *Episcopal Choir*master's Handbook became an engrossing activity for Dr. Grant. During the last months of his life he was deeply concerned for the future of this publication and accordingly gave it to The Living Church Foundation.

In church music Dr. Grant's taste was conservative, but in secular music he

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The late Dr. Grant: A privilege to carry on his work,

loved the jazz of the 1930s and 40s, and had in fact earned money in medical school playing in a dance band. The three girls and Mrs. Grant were musical too, and she also operated a small business, creating and marketing designs for needlepoint.

Dr. Grant had many other interests. He was an amateur astronomer. He was also a founding board member of Minnesota Public Radio, a company with several stations specializing in classical music. He was a member of The Living Church Foundation and a Patron Associate.

In 1958, Dr. Grant broke his leg in a horseback riding accident in Glacier Park. During his long period of convalescence he began learning Japanese from a hospital orderly of Japanese background, maintaining an interest in this tongue for many years. He and Mrs. Grant later visited Japan, forming a close friendship with a Japanese couple whose two daughters later each spent a year with the Grants and attended high school in Sauk Centre.

Meanwhile, Dr. Grant maintained his medical practice for over 40 years, kept close links with the medical school of the university, and worked to introduce new methods in the local hospital.

Mrs. Grant died in November of 1983. and the health of Dr. Grant declined soon afterwards. He resolutely remained active until the current edition of the handbook was published. His ashes St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis, in a service conducted by the Rt. Rev. Philip E. McNairy, retired Bishop of Minnesota, assisted by the editor of THE LIV-ING CHURCH. A memorial service was held the next day in Sauk Centre.

Dr. Grant is survived by his three daughters, Susan Hoehn and Catherine Zadel of the Twin Cities area, and Mary Grant of Richmond, Va., and two grandsons.

H.B.P.

Choirmaster's Handbook Comes to Milwaukee

The Episcopal Choirmaster's Handbook will in the future be published by The Living Church Foundation in Milwaukee.

Begun in 1956 by Dr. J. C. Grant in Sauk Centre, Minn., the handbook is published at the end of each summer with suggested hymns for the principal services on every Sunday and holy day for the next 12 months, and with a variety of other pertinent information.

The book is used widely throughout the Episcopal Church, and to some extent in other churches. It originally focused on the careful and informed use of the *Hymnal 1940*. In recent years, it has incorporated selections from new publications of the Standing Commission on Church Music, and it is anticipated that future editions will offer extensive consideration of the *Hymnal 1982*.

Hitherto, the contents of the handbook have been selected and compiled entirely by Dr. Grant, who also supervised the procedures for printing and narketing the annual book. Ladies of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Sauk Centre, assisted with the packaging.

Before his death Dr. Grant donated the handbook to The Living Church Foundation with the understanding that the new publishers would begin work with next year's volume. The copyright was transferred in July of 1984, but he wished to wait until fall for the public announcement.

The board of directors of THE LIVING CHURCH, in accepting the gift of this significant publication, expressed its proound gratitude to Dr. Grant, and indicated that the style and character of the nandbook are expected to continue to follow the pattern Dr. Grant had estabished.

Compiling and editing of future ediions will be carried out in Milwaukee, and will be largely in the hands of Joseph A. Kucharski, music editor of THE LIVING CHURCH and director of music at St. Mark's Church, Milwaukee.

"I have myself used the handbook consistently for many years," Mr. Kucharski said, "and it is an exciting privilege now to carry on Dr. Grant's work."

Jenkins of Durham

On a recent visit to England, TLC's Washington correspondent, Dorothy Mills Parker, interviewed the new Bishop of Durham, the Rt. Rev. David Jenkins. News stories on Bishop Jenkins and the controversy surrounding his election and consecration appeared in TLC July 22, July 29, September 16, and September 30.

My request for an interview brought a prompt reply from Bishop Jenkins and the offer to send his car to bring me to Auckland Castle. The castle, just outside the village of Bishop Auckland, was built as a palace for the Prince Bishops of Durham. Bishop Jenkins lives there without pomp and without staff, except for a chauffeur-gardener and two secretaries.

He received me graciously and began by strongly affirming his unshaken belief in the basic credal statements, while stoutly maintaining his position that they are open to reinterpretation and equally insistent about a bishop's right to do so.

Born into a deeply committed Methodist family, David Jenkins came into the Church of England through the evangelistic wing, but was influenced strongly by Charles Gore and other Anglo-Catholics. He classifies himself as "an evangelical catholic liberal, though some Anglo-Catholics wouldn't be happy with my position on some things."

I asked first about his alleged television statement that had sparked the controversy - to the effect that one could be a Christian without belief in the Virgin Birth, the divinity of Christ, or the Resurrection. I had obtained a transcript of that program, and in actuality, his much-quoted "statement" was simply an assent to a question. He was asked if a person might be considered a Christian who, though not necessarily believing that Christ was God-madeflesh, "believes passionately in Jesus as a great moral teacher and a divine agent, who is leading him towards God.'

What he meant to convey, he said, was that such persons, "and there are many of them today," are searching for God and should be welcome in the church as a part of the Christian community although they may not profess strict adherence to certain doctrinal beliefs.

Bishop Jenkins reasserted his own belief in the triune God, the Incarnation, the divinity of Christ, Jesus as both God and man, crucified for us and risen from the dead, "for it all starts from there." He went on to say that the Resurrection is not so much the empty tomb as it is belief in the living God. He repeated his contention that the Resurrection may convinced Jesus' followers that he still alive among them after de rather than one specific event.

He stood fast on his position that Virgin Birth, "which is not exclusiv Christianity, but is found also in o religions," is clearly a symbolic s told after the event to express and s bolize the uniqueness of Jesus. added that the important thing is to miracles in their proper place, as dence of, rather than proof of, fa "Faith doesn't depend on miracles, Resurrection on the empty tomb, the divinity of Christ on the Vi Birth," he said.

Q. Bishop Jenkins, I believe it is ge ally understood that while a professe theology is free to examine and sp late about matters of doctrine, his changes when he is elected to the epi pate; that bishops, as guardians of faith, promise to uphold and defend their consecrations. What is your ide the role of a bishop?

A. A bishop's role also is to lead an enable people to think. This is the 2 century, and things have changed. TI beliefs, though fundamental to our fa must be reexamined in this light an some cases, redefined. I don't thin bishop's role should be only to sup and comfort and to protect people f questions many are asking themsel It encompasses far more than that. I the questioning that leads to faith, people should be helped to face up to questions.

Q. In view of the fact that when a bis speaks publicly, he speaks for church, have you considered that s speculation on your part could un mine rather than strengthen the fi and that many church people have b disturbed deeply?

A. That, of course, is cause for conc but sometimes people need to be turbed. One of the things the chu needs greatly is what I have come to the *pastoralia*, which will enable hearing of prophecy. Unless you can I people to feel a certain security hope, to have to face strange things c frightens them.

Q. Isn't that inherent in the bishops ing guardians of the faith? Isn't this basic security people must have be they can face the questions?

A. Yes, but there inevitably is going be tension between what you try tc with particular people and what you in your public role. Of course I reg myself as a public missionary. I th the questioning, the pilgrimage proach, which I perhaps have been o stressing, has, in fact (as I know fi

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"Ministry Deli

r issues of September 9 and 16, the Neilson Rudd, a priest and geolowrote a two-part article on the criid the opportunity confronting the *ch* in the field of ministry in small iunities.

are pleased to present a thoughtful nse from the Rt. Rev. William J. on, Jr., Assistant Bishop of Michiwho is a veteran missionary bishop *i* leader in facing this problem. We present a very timely account of ts to face the same challenge in luras today by John H. Elledge, *i* missionary in Honduras working the South American Missionary rty.

WILLIAM J. GORDON, JR.

ave read with much interest the two rticles by the Rev. Neilson Rudd on nistry Delivery in the Poststrial Age." It is very meaningful ave such perceptive writing by a t who not only writes ably in depth, also lives what he is writing about. e Fr. Rudd mentions my involvet in rethinking ministry in this age, ould like to comment, particularly you personally and significantly iniced my thinking on total ministry. aving been away from Alaska for years, I am still convinced that unall that is *essential* for day-by-day stry can ultimately emerge from a l congregation, the Episcopal rch will continue to have serious difty in ministry in small congrega-3. With about 50 percent of our conations in that classification, this is a serious challenge.

ter having served in the Diocese of nigan for eight years, I believe that principles of Roland Allen are ally applicable in a large diocese as this, in small and large congreons, and particularly in the inner One great need in inner city miniss for some system whereby ministry emerge from the local congregation. ar church has been largely unable to come up with a pattern that makes this possible. It is still an illusion in the church that the traditional pattern of ministry for the Episcopal Church has been that of a resident priest serving one congregation. History indicates rather conclusively that most of the time priests have been in charge of multiple congregations, where a large part of the ministry, particularly on Sunday, has been carried out by layreaders.

For many decades throughout the church, Morning Prayer was the norm for the Sunday morning service, with a monthly Eucharist. So, particularly in small churches, we have been dependent upon congregational leadership in many congregations.

In 1984, the Episcopal Church is largely a eucharistically centered body with probably 80 percent of our congregations having the Eucharist as the main service on Sunday morning. There is no way that a priest serving many congregations can realistically provide for this Sunday eucharistic worship in several congregations.

Also, there is very little time to use the training and teaching received in seminary in pastoral care and counseling and many of the other parts of ministry that call for in-depth training and expertise.

In many of our congregations there are godly, dedicated, committed persons who have the respect of the congregation and are already accepted as leaders. Why can't the church train these persons in the basic theology and work of sacramental worship and ordain them as priests so that what is essential for the normative worship of the congregation is provided and guaranteed within the congregation? This would mean, of course, that many laypeople would have to be continually trained and equipped for other parts of ministry in the congregation.

Absolutely essential in this plan and the key to it is that a traditionally trained priest must be in charge of each group of congregations to supervise all the work and provide the in-depth teaching, training, and counseling and be a support to the ministry within the congregation, including that of the sacramental person. It would not be necessary for the traditionally trained priest to be in each congregation each time the sacraments are celebrated, but certainly free to celebrate whenever it is possible to do so.

I think it is entirely possible that within 20 years most congregations of the Episcopal Church could have a locally ordained person as a priest on its staff in a supportive sacramental role and the ministry of the church immeasurably enriched. This does not in any way diminish the need for traditionally trained priests who would exercise their ministry of teaching, equipping, and indepth pastoral care.

I believe this would much more efficiently and creatively utilize the many years of training that each of our priests has received in college and seminary. In reality, this means that the seminary trained priest would have a parish (or multi-parish) "seminary," utilizing the skills of other traditionally trained priests and laypeople as a support for training and teaching.

In the early church apostolic tradition, the priest would serve as evangelist, equipper, and trainer, with the great satisfaction of seeing others being able to carry out the ministry of our Lord in its various forms.

There is a very serious crisis in our ministry in small congregations and in the inner cities of the Episcopal Church and in other areas also. For a long time we have been burying our heads in the sand, believing that the problem will go away.

There is no easy solution, and it will take a lot of long-range planning, rethinking, and some serious structural changes, particularly in the seminary curriculums so that the students there are trained and directed to be teachers and equippers, more than simply being ministers themselves.

I am grateful for the efforts of THE LIVING CHURCH in continuing to keep this need in the forefront of the life of the church.

Responses

By JOHN H. ELLEDGE, III

The uncertainty of the political situation in Central America poses Bishop Leo Frade and the Episcopal Missionary Diocese of Honduras with oome interesting challenges. The possibility of a future political regime that nay not welcome expatriate ministers ncreases the church's awareness of its esponsibility to raise a self-supportng, spiritually autonomous Honduran church.

It was to discuss this need that the tt. Rev. Wesley Frensdorff, experienced n overseeing the development of indigeious ministry as Bishop of Nevada, ;athered with the clergy of the Diocese of Honduras outside Tegucigalpa on luly 3 and 4.

During the conference Bishop Frenslorff noted that the system widely used n our church to supply congregations vith clergy is not always pertinent in nission dioceses and that, at times, it can be a negative force. Most U.S. parshes are encouraged to be financially uutonomous, to pay the salary of the riest upon whom they depend for sacranents, leadership, and spiritual growth. This system, in effect, tends to equate inancial autonomy with spiritual autonimy.

If, because of financial hardship, a parish cannot retain a priest, that parish s deprived of sacramental service and piritual leadership. At this time, no Episcopal parish in Honduras is finanially capable of supporting a priest. Bishop Frade is in the process of develping an alternative to this system.

It was Bishop Frensdorff's experience hat major efforts in correcting this rend needed to be dedicated to bringing orth priests out of their worshiping communities. These priests would coninue to support themselves by their own means and serve their parishes in non-stipendiary capacities. Frensdorff's conclusion was greatly influenced by the observations of Roland Allen, an early 20th century Anglican missionary to China, and by the practical experience of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska's application of Roland Allen's principles in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

The traditional means of training indigenous priests for service in missionary fields has been to send them abroad for seminary training. This method has some serious flaws. Over the years, the Diocese of Honduras has sent many young men to the U.S. for seminary education. Only one has returned from North American prosperity to serve at home. He is the only native Honduran priest in the diocese.

Also, a U.S. seminary education lacks pertinent curriculum to prepare students for ministry in Honduras. Another very real concern is money. It costs well over \$30,000 to educate a seminarian in the U.S. for three years. As a result, Bishop Frade is creating a Honduran seminary program aimed at bypassing these obstacles.

The new seminary program is scheduled to begin in January, 1985, with a home study curriculum based on those currently used in the U.S. Diocesan clergy will act as mentors. In some cases, the material will have to be translated into Spanish at the grade school level. Periodically there will be centralized meetings of two to three weeks each with visiting lecturers. This will give the seminarians opportunities to have lowship, to share reactions to the j gram, and to be of support to one other.

Right now, the list of candida spans a broad range of Honduran so levels. Some are well-trained profess als, some are West Indian blacks, one is a *campesino* (rural laborer). All strong candidates, having dem strated leadership capabilities and sonal spiritual commitments. The v variety of those seeking training will able the Episcopal Church to serv larger percentage of the people.

The financial aspects of this type seminary are much better tailored to budget of the diocese. Instead of c 30,000 for three years per student, new program will educate 20 stude for three years for 60,000.

At present the political atmospher Honduras is peaceful. We pray that will remain the case and that the presvision of the church to become truly digenous will soon be a reality. Throprayer and the faithful witness of gil ministers, we hope not only to see own goals fulfilled, but to share our periences with the church in other pa of the world where Christians seek develop ministry in the character their own culture.

There is a serious crisis in our ministry in small congregation and in the inner cities, and there is no easy solution.

- Bishop Goi

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– John Elle

The Anglican-Orthodox Statement

Signed in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, August 19, 1984

A Report By HENRY HILL

he Dublin Agreed Statement (1984) of the Anglican-Orthodox Joint rinal Dialogue (AOJDD), a continuof the Moscow Report (1976), is a of the goodwill which still exists een our two churches, even after risis which emerged over the ordion of women as priests following the beth Conference in 1978. The probis far from being resolved; but now, ears later, the members of the comion are preparing to tackle the issue more rational manner than would been possible earlier.

e statement says, "We have failed ach agreement concerning the posity, or otherwise, of the ordination of en to the priesthood. The Orthodox m that such ordination is impos-, since it is contrary to scripture tradition. With this some Anglicans e, while others believe that it is posand even desirable, at the present tent, to ordain women as priests."

'here are, however, many related isthat we have not so far examined in detail, particularly the following: we are to understand the distincwithin humanity between man and an; what is meant by sacramental priesthood, and how this is related to the unique high priesthood of Christ and to the royal priesthood of all the baptized; what, apart from the sacramental priesthood, are the other forms of ministry within the church'' (103-h).

As in so many other theological discussions, we have discovered a difference in terminology but no difference in fundamental belief in our knowledge of God, or our manner of speaking about God's activity in our lives.

We are, for example, very close in our attitudes to scripture and tradition, agreeing that they are not two sources, but correlative: "We agree that the church cannot define dogmas which are not grounded both in scripture and in tradition" (91-b). "We agree that tradition is to be seen in dynamic terms, as the constant action of the Holy Spirit in the church... there is freedom and variety within the one tradition ... but we have not yet attempted to state in detail what are the limits of that freedom...." (92).

Furthermore, there is agreement that the *filioque* was introduced into the creed without the authority of an ecumenical council. The Anglican delegates regard the *filioque* as a valid theological statement, though not as a dogma (see section 94).

"We agree in our fundamental understanding of the church as one holy, catholic, and apostolic" (96).

"The Anglican members see our divi-

sions as existing within the church, while Orthodox members believe that the Orthodox Church is the one true church of Christ..." (100).

"We agree that the ecumenical councils provide an authoritative interpretation of scripture in order to safeguard the salvation of the people of God." The Anglicans lay greater emphasis on the first four councils, which is not satisfactory to the Orthodox; but we are agreed (106-c) "... that infallibility is not the property of any particular person in the church.... we consider that the implications of the terms 'infallible' and 'indefectible' need to be further explored" (104-a).

"The church is a eucharistic community" (109-b).

"... The bread and wine become the body and blood of the glorified Christ by the action of the Holy Spirit in such a way that the faithful people of God receiving Christ may feed upon him in the sacrament.... We have not yet discussed in detail what is the nature of the ineffable change effected through the consecratory prayer, nor... how far the Eucharist may be regarded as a sacrifice" (111-e).

"We have reached basic agreement on the communion of saints and the departed. All of us believe that the communion of the Holy Spirit joins in unity the members of the Body, whether living or departed, and this unity is expressed in prayer and thanksgiving. There re-

Rt. Rev. Henry Hill, Assistant top of Montreal and cochairman of 'DD wrote on this subject in TLC, '27. His present report expands on news story in TLC September 23.

between Orthodoxy and Anglicanism, since in most Anglican churches, requests to the saints to pray for us are not made, and also prayers for the faithtul departed, though common, are by no neans universal..."

On icons: "... Anglicans do not beieve that the veneration, as practised in the East, can be required of all Christians. But Anglicans agree that the theblogy ... is founded upon, and intended to safeguard, the doctrine of the Incarnation" (113-g).

These excerpts from the Dublin Agreed Statement, seen from an Anglian viewpoint, draw from a wide geographical and theological spectrum. The psychological aspects of the dialogue are of special interest, since Anglicans generally tend to avoid controversial depates. From the Orthodox point of view, on the other hand, such controversy is expected.

It is what one of their leading consulants has called their favorite "game of heological uproar." The fact that a recnciliation seems to follow every exploion; and that, on our side, the Anglican lonsultative Council, at its meetings in Vigeria this last July, renewed the diaogue, are taken as signs that the Holy ipirit is leading us on.

What lies in the future? In 1985, an xecutive committee of the commissions vill probably meet in the U.S. to plan for he future; and this will make contact vith a powerful North American Ortholoxy not as yet represented in the disussions. It is expected that in 1986, the ommission will meet somewhere in astern Europe.

The Agreed Statement is to be pubished by SPCK (London), early in 1985; very effort will be made to secure its eception in our respective churches.

To quote the words of the two cohairmen (Bishop Henry Hill and Archishop Methodios of Thyateira and reat Britain) at the conclusion of their reface:

"... For while we press on in the work f our commission, we are equally anxous to do all we can to encourage visits mong the bishops of our churches; and lso the participation of synodical, diocsan, and parish gatherings, wherever ur churches live side by side, in the xciting tasks of rediscovering one anther in Christ; of sharing in the richless of each other's traditions; and, as we recognize the poverty caused by our ong separations, together serving othrs in the name of the One who prayed to is Father:

"I do not ask on behalf of these only, nut also for those who are to believe in ne through their word, that they may Il be one; even as thou, Father, art in ne, and I in thee, that they also may be n us, so that the world may believe that hou hast sent me" (John 17:20-21).

Parsons' kius

By IAN SHEVILL

Most people imagine that parsons' children should be a cross between an angel and an acolyte. But in reality, when you line up all who fall into this category, you see that the average parson's kid is struggling hard to prove his normality.

He wants to be regarded by his peers as just an ordinary boy, but such is the grip of heredity that he overdoes the struggle for leadership amongst his contemporaries and is often regarded by his teachers as a peculiar menace.

Of course, we all realize that one of the tasks of a parent is to impersonate God to his children and for that reason when a boy kneels down by his bed and says "Our Father," the vision in his mind is

The Rt. Rev. Ian Shevill is the retired Bishop of Newcastle in New South Wales, Australia. He makes his home in Brisbane. that of his own dad. This is a tren dous obligation and privilege which don't all realize and accept.

There was once a parson's kid who a particular aversion to eating pru for supper. His father denounced the roundly and told him that God would very displeased indeed if he did not the despised food.

That evening the boy went upst and, looking out through his window saw a tremendous thunderstorm proaching. The lightning flashed, thunder roared, the rain pelted down. he looked through the window, he s "O dear God. What a fuss you are n ing about three lousy prunes."

Grant, Lord, that while we have task of impersonating God to our of dren, we never abuse this privilege pretending that what we wish is ind the divine will, otherwise we may t the hearts of our children against God who is love, and who cares etern for them. Amen.

Vita Minuscula

Our Lady Undercroft, Canterbury

Here I kneel, living mortal among aging and ageless stones.

To this cryptic darkness after long travel I have come at last, contemporary pilgrim to the tomb, to be delivered to a new conception of my self. Gently, surely, I am basketed and cradled and confined in the muscular arches round me, the ages laboring to give me birth in the cathedral's womb.

And here I pray.

"Wilt thou not turn, O God, and quicken us?" "... and after this our exile...."

Charles Austin Joy

JIOKIALS

Grant

he death of Dr. John C. Grant [p. 6] takes from THE LIVING CHURCH family a significant and ue member and we pay our sincere tribute to him. activities and accomplishments enriched many but outside of Sauk Centre, Minn., it is probable most of those he touched had little knowledge of or what sort of person he was.

us tall, slender man did not put himself in the light. He confessed to severe stage fright before a ert performance, and he was content to have it osed that an entire committee worked every year dit *The Episcopal Choirmaster's Handbook*, reas, in fact, he spent untold hours working on it out assistance. An individualist with definite opinand tastes, he attended to every detail, and pered no loose ends.

ie publication and marketing of the handbook in as a small family enterprise, the pages of the *i* editions having been collated on a table in the ement by Mrs. Grant and their young daughters. ir it became a very well-established and wellmized small non-profit business.

at the practical week-by-week experience with ch music, embodied in the handbook, was generin a small church with a tiny congregation is itself resting. It is a striking example of the unique kind intribution a small church can make to the church irge.

the church musicians and clergy throughout the ch who use the handbook, it may come as a sure that it was so efficiently put out each year by a / small town physician who also had many other rests. That he was able, as a pastime, to attain e ability both to speak and write Japanese was sing evidence of his intelligence and self-discipline. hn Grant's friends, patients, fellow church mem-, and colleagues in many fields, and especially his ly, will greatly miss him. We express to them all sincere sympathy. In the company of the choirs of /en, may his soul rest in peace.

Fpiscopal Choirmaster's Handbook

r. Grant's generous gift of *The Episcopal Choirmaster's Handbook* to The Living Church Founon [p. 7] is a significant event in church-related lishing. The Living Church Foundation is simply legal name of the non-profit corporation which pubes this magazine, and this publication has been the *r* activity of the company in recent decades.

'ith the new acquisition, the magazine and the dbook will become sister publications. Both will in their entirely distinct character and purpose, both will be published by the foundation on a nonfit basis as a service to the church and to other lers and users. arrangement of the handbook will remain generally similar from year to year, while a continuing effort will be made to respond to current needs of church musicians and clergy. As the *Hymnal 1982* gradually comes into use beginning in 1985, it is anticipated that the handbook will provide a major tool for church musicians and clergy in the weekly selection of appropriate material.

The first edition of the handbook to be published by The Living Church Foundation is scheduled to appear in the late summer of 1985. Information as to its purchase from this office will appear in these pages in due course. Readers should note, however, that the offices of THE LIVING CHURCH in Milwaukee are regretfully unable to sell copies of the 1984-85 edition, or any earlier editions of the handbook.

Taking Provinces Seriously

The need for reducing the size of the House of Deputies of the General Convention continues indeed it grows more urgent as more dioceses are created, each bringing eight more deputies into the hopelessly overcrowded parliamentary assembly. It is widely assumed that the appropriate step would be to increase the canonical power of the different provinces, handing down to the provincial synods some of the functions presently concentrated in the General Convention. In many cases, the synods might handle regional programs and policies more effectively.

The various schemes of reorganization put forward

The WEC Plan for Revising the				
Provinces of the Episcopal Church				
Province	Dioceses in following states			
II III IV V V VI VII VII IX X X X X X X	Ky. and Tenn. Ohio and Mich. (except No. Mich.) Ind. and Ill. Wis. and No. Mich. Ark., Okla. and Mo. Kan., Neb., Iowa, and Minn. Wyo., Mont., N.D., S.D. Texas (incl. Rio Grande)			

Alaska and Hawaii would have option of joining either XVIII or XIX.

soots support for the existing nine provinces. Many Episcopalians are unaware that they even exist. Most of the synods have little foundation in loyalty, respect, or obedience.

A plan has now been put forward for reducing the size of General Convention which realistically faces the need for smaller provinces which will have inner coherence, common concerns, and a basis for mutual loyalty among the participating dioceses of each province p. 6].

This plan is not simply an exercise in wishful thinkng, but is based on a decade of practical experience in the upper midwest. Participants now feel that they are eady to share this experience with the whole church in a comprehensive plan. They suggest 19 small, coherent, and workable provinces, most of them made up of our or five adjacent and congenial dioceses.

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undreds of letters received) encouraged people to feel that the church isn't the otally closed shop they thought it to be. So, I think this questioning and not beng afraid of difficult questions about wur faith, is a recruiting element among a very large number of people, though it nay be off-putting to others.

1. What is your reaction to the volume of hostile letters which the Church Times received? Are you disturbed that housands signed the protest over your consecration?

A. I am concerned, of course, but not verly disturbed. I have received more han 1,500 letters to date from all over he world and the majority have been supportive.

?. What do you think of the opinion of ome that the York Minster fire may vave been the work of God as punishnent for your consecration?

•. Well, I think it might equally be said o be the work of the devil.

1. Do you think that because of all the idministrative pressures and the inreasing demands on his time, the bishp's pastoral role has become secondvry?

A. If so, that is very sad. It is sad, too, hat people forget that a bishop is only uman. Of course, here in England there re much larger dioceses, and there is all his business about sitting in the House of Lords.

2. Do any bishops ever decline to do so? A. I suppose they could, but the Bishop of Durham is one of the five who go traight into it upon election. Whether or not they are Anglican, or even Chrisians, people in the northeast of England look to the Bishop of Durham as one who can speak for them in London, so this also has to be worked out. There are, of course, some things a bishop is responsible for and must do, but to me the two things of fundamental importance are the worship of God and caring for people. One has to look for grace and the help of friends and family to work out all the other things in between. That seems to be the only hope for making some sense of it all.

Q. Have you considered that some of the adverse reaction to your remarks in the American church may have harked back to all the controversy over the late Bishop Pike, whose own episcopate ended disastrously, and the thought that this was going to be a replay of that? A. It's an interesting point, because I've felt all along that a major part of all the current hassle has something to do with psychology and sociology - that it is clearly connected with insecurity and anxiety and change, and I'm interested to have a possible concrete focus for that. It could hardly have been kept going since the end of April but for the media (though of course the Minster fire gave it an added boost), nor even for its intrinsic value, for actually it is nothing new.

The arguments about the Gospel miracles and the Virgin Birth were raised nearly 70 years ago by one of my predecessors in this office, Bishop Hensley Henson of Durham, so it's at least two generations old.

Q. Bishop Jenkins, I do thank you for your time and thoughts. You have stressed that for you, the questioning leads to faith. Has all this controversy, some of which has undoubtedly been extremely painful, resulted in strengthening your own faith?

A. Yes it has. I think it's a matter of keeping a balance, and above all, the necessity for conveying a sense of excitement about the questioning.

DOROTHY MILLS PARKER

those we now have, is revealing. There are social, po cal, and ecclesiastical reasons for the paralysis of present nine provinces. The projected realignm avoids several old roadblocks.

Once workable provinces are established, decent ization becomes relatively easy. Each province (rat than each diocese) could send an appropriate depu tion to General Convention. The presiding bishop the province and one other delegate could go to Executive Council.

We believe that this proposal deserves serious c sideration. Not the least of its merits is that it coulc adopted in steps. Most of the proposed provinces simply logical subdivisions of existing ones, and tl would not all need to be divided simultaneously. (thing is already clear: the longer we delay decentral tion, the harder it becomes. We need to start now.

Flash Floods at St. Jude's Ranch

The fourth flash flood in less than months completely destroyed the n roadway leading into St. Jude's Ra for Children on September 10. The B der City, Nev., facility had experienctorrential downpour in late Aug which obliterated a second road pro ing access to ranch property. A tl drive leading to the counseling cei and administrative building was duced to a dirt and mud track by storms.

After the third downpour in Aug the cleanup cost more than \$8,000. could have been so much worse," : the Rev. Herbert Ward, director of home for abused and neglected child "In Las Vegas several people lost t. lives, and here in Boulder City m people suffered far greater financial than we."

The September 10 storm was more structive, however, Almost 3.5 inche rain fell in an hour and one-half. The flash floods in August amounted to inches of rain. The normal annual r fall for this desert region is only 1 inches.

Several four-feet-deep channels children called "our mini-Grand (yons" were carved on ranch prope near the administration building, bell tower, and other spots. The en way to the ranch gaped five feet d and 12 feet across. It was estimated t waters passing this point were trave at better than 30 miles per hour.

On the lighter side, the children ho for a holiday when the road was away. "How will the school bus get I to take us to school tomorrow?" answered by the resourceful house ents who informed the youngsters t they could walk around the washedarea and wait by the highway for bus.

The main road into the ranch must

III, nowever, and tons of dirt dised by the floods must be removed. e flood control dams and concrete les are needed. "We certainly need help and support of the ranch ly-at-large now, more than ever," Fr. d said.

RIEFLY...

chard L. Crawford, editor of Oklaho-: Mission, an Episcopal diocesan spaper, has been named to succeed ry L. McCorkle as publisher of The copalian. A graduate of Oklahoma University, Mr. Crawford, 46, red for over 20 years in the fields of nalism and public relations before ming director of communications he Diocese of Oklahoma in 1979 and stant to the diocesan bishop, the Rt. Gerald McAllister. Mr. Crawford is ried and the father of four children. expects to move to Philadelphia, ce the monthly paper is published, in ember.

ven dioceses in North Carolina and inia have organized a new Episcopal rch project on church leadership. It focus on leaders of congregations e up of 200 or fewer people. The lty for 1984 has included the Rev. Boone Porter, editor of THE LIVING RCH; the Rev. Nathan D. Baxter, plain of St. Paul's College in Lawrenlle, Va.; the Ven. Webster Simons, deacon of East Carolina; the Rt. William Spofford, Assistant lop of Washington; and the Rt. Rev. iam Weinhauer, Bishop of Western th Carolina. Persons who complete program will be certified as specialin small church leadership.

mid-September, the Church of St. id of Wales in Shelton, Wash., was to a conference on liturgical arts crafts entitled Designs for Worship. essional manufacturers of stained s, vestments, and other appointts for churches met with clergy and eople who are active and creative teurs in the field. The Bishop of npia, the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Cochbe, celebrated the liturgy of the Feast he Holy Cross, and the Rev. H. ne Porter gave a survey of the hisof Christian art. The rector of St. id's, the Rev. Donald J. Maddux.

id's, the Rev. Donald J. Maddux, , "Although we are a small church in ral part of the diocese, some of us wed that something needed to be > in this field, and we found we could t."

BOOKS

Judicious, Dependable

OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION. By Werner H. Schmidt. Translated by M. J. O'Connell. Crossroad. Pp. 368. \$24.50.

"Introduction" is a technical term referring to a reference work which deals with the books of the Old Testament one by one and provides the reader with an outline of the contents of each, together with an account of the particular problems each book presents and the solutions various scholars have suggested.

Prof. Schmidt's new book corresponds to the conventional type except that it prefaces the whole with a very brief historical and social survey of the history of Israel and treats the books of the Pentateuch as a unit.

Some introductions, such as R. H. Pfeiffer's massive, partly outmoded, but still important work, try to make original contributions to the questions raised in connection with the books discussed. Schmidt makes no such pretensions. Although a first-class scholar, he here is content to show what the issues are and to summarize the principal options available.

This means, of course, that his book is intended chiefly for those who aspire to be students of the Bible, rather than for scholars of the same. As such, it is an excellent work — judicious, dependable, scholarly, but accessible to the ordinary reader. To the clergyman or lay Bible student who needs a tool of this kind, Schmidt's work is highly recommended.

(The Rev.) ROBERT C. DENTAN Buffalo, N.Y.

The Bishop's Sister-in-Law

Laura Z: A Life. By Laura Z. Hobson. Arbor House. Pp. 410. \$17.95.

The woman whose best known book, Gentleman's Agreement, gave anti-Semitism its most descriptive name, has had a lifelong acquaintance with the church that many have considered synonymous with the prejudice that she deplores.

Laura Zametkin Hobson looks back to the year 1911, when classmates did something quite uncommon among Episcopalians then and now — they simply invited her, as a friend, to go to church with them!

"It was my first experience of organized religion, indeed of any religion," she writes of Grace Church, Jamaica, in the Diocese of Long Island. (With 1,300 communicants, Grace Church still is the largest of four parishes in suburban Jamaica.)

Laura went steadily for a year and

when the rector at last came to call, she says that "even I knew that my parents behaved beautifully, though I'm certain that my father's conversation must have included references aplenty to Darwin and Marx."

"Long before [baptism], I was to find doubt gnawing at the thin edge of my heart and my mind," she confides. "I began to wonder whether what I loved so much wasn't perhaps Grace Church itself, its stained glass windows, its arches, its music, and maybe, most of all, the sense of belonging to all those attractive, nicely dressed people in all the pews, who weren't socialist or foreign or Jewish or anything."

Nonetheless, Laura had, at least, an intellectual experience of the faith, and when she turned from articles to plays, she found her title, *The Muttering Wind*, in Shelley's lines, "Our church shall be the starry night,/Our altar the grassy earth outspread,/And our priest the muttering wind."

It was around that time that she met and married publisher Thayer Hobson. His brother, Henry, jocularly introduced himself as "Bishop of the Proctor & Gamble Diocese of Southern Ohio."

At the family's place on fashionable Fischer's Island, "we somehow got talking about religion," Laura remembers. "and Henry made it clear enough, in his gentle and loving way, that what bothered him was not my being Jewish, but my being agnostic."

In time, Thayer Hobson went on tc three more marriages (acknowledging only two in *Who's Who*, Laura points out) and died a Roman Catholic in 1967.

More years went by, and the names of Henry Hobson and Laura Hobson begar appearing side by side in newspaper pro tests about civil rights or nuclear war "He is my ex-brother-in law," Laura ex plained, "and I think the world of him."

At 84, wise and widely published Laura Z. Hobson philosophically con cludes that "for a book or for a humar being, no single day is anything but ar arc in that eternal circle that makes ϵ life."

> (The Kev.) JAMES B. SIMPSON St. Michael's Church New York City

Books Received

FOR THE NEXT NINE MONTHS: Meditations for Expectant Mothers. By Melodie M. Davis. Zon dervan Daybreak Books. Pp. 233. No price given Paper.

A MOUNTAIN TO STAND STRONG. By Peggy Darty. Zondervan (Serenade/Serenata Books). Pp 199. \$1.95 paper.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD. By Richard Mazziotta CSC. Ave Maria Press. Pp. 203. \$9.95 paper.

MIND-BENDING. By Lowell D. Streiker. Double day. Pp. xii and 218. \$14.95.

OURBEST YEARS. By Helen Hayes, with Marior Glasserow Gladney. Doubleday. Pp. xiv and 178 \$10.95.

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Stephen's Church, Whiting, N.J. The Rev. Edmund L. Burke is vicar of Christ

Church, Magnolia, N.J. The Rev. Thora L. Chadwick is vicar of St. Clement's Church, Belford, N.J.

The Rev. Clarence A. Lambelet is the interim rector at Trinity Church, Cranford, N.J.

The Rev. Robert J. Lewis is curate of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, N.J.

The Rev. Donald A. Milligan is rector of Grace Church, Linden, N.J.

The Rev. Dwight E. Ogier, Jr. is associate rector of St. Luke's Church and Day School, Box 9906, Mobile, Ala. 36691.

The Rev. Thad B. Rudd is rector of the Church of Our Saviour, 1068 N. Highland Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30306.

The Rev. Michael P. Thompson is vicar of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton, Texas, and St. James' Church, Meridian.

The Rev. Canon Allan B. Warren, III will become rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Waban, Mass., on October 28.

The Rev. Ronald E. White, who had been serving St. Elisabeth's Church, Fort Worth, Texas, became the church's first rector upon its recent elevation to parish status.

The Rev. Charles Williams is curate at St. Mark's Church, Arlington, Texas.

The Rev. Charles Bradley Wilson is now on the staff of the Church of the Ascension, Montgomery, Ala. Add: 315 Clanton Ave., Montgomery 36104.

Ordinations

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Resignations

The Rev. Norval Curry has resigned work at Christ Church, Beatrice, Neb.

The Rev. David L. Fine has resigned as rector of Trinity Church, Baraboo, Wis. Add: 6916 Park Ridge Dr., Madison, Wis. 53719.

Deaths

The Rev. William Evans Ridgeway, retired priest of the Diocese of New York, died on August 26 at the age of 69.

A graduate of the General Theological Seminary, he began his service to St. George's Church, Newburgh, N.Y., before his ordination, working as director of Christian education. Except for seven years at St. Peter's Church, Peekskill, N.Y. (1952-1959), he served St. George's Church, Newburgh -- as assistant, then rector, and finally rector emeritus. For the last several years, Fr. Ridgeway and his wife, the former Miriam McCloy, have been living in North Eastham, Mass. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

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