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(Editor: Rev. A. M. Barton, M.A.)

Vicar's report at the annual church meeting held in the Sunday School on Sunday 9th March after evening prayer.

A few weeks ago I read the account of a parliamentary debate in one of the national newspapers. The subject under discussion was "The behaviour of students and the present troubles and unrest at colleges and universities". A number of the speakers complained at the publicity which was given to the troublesome minority by press and television but, as the newspaper correspondent who reported the debate pointed out, it was inevitably those who step out of line against the authorities who made the headlines, and he envisaged the kind of headlines which some of the parliamentarians would like to have seen: "University students hard at work", "Large numbers prepare to take exams", "Students attend college lectures", etc. I sometimes feel that I am in a similar difficulty when I have to present to you a report on the spiritual work and welfare of this parish. The most important things which go on in the life of the church simply cannot be reported in this way: "Fifty Silsden Christians said their prayers this morning", "200 parishioners attended the services last Sunday", "The bible is being read in a number of homes", etc. Such activities which are the backbone of Christian life in this parish hardly make news, yet this is where the real work of the church goes on week in and week out.

There are, however, a number of indications of the temperature of church life which I can report. This has been the first full year in which we have had the benefit of using the church in its re-ordered state. I have heard from many people, both from within the parish and from outside, commenting favourably on the new appearance. We have all appreciated the inspiration which it has been for our worship, and this does not apply only to the church services for I have heard increasingly of late of parishioners who have formed the habit of slipping into the church during the week for private prayer. I should like to thank those who contribute in any way to the appearance of our church and mention especially those who give flowers, Mrs Parker and Miss Usher for their arrangements and the ladies who are responsible for cleaning the brasses.

At last year's meeting I had to report changes in our church life brought about through the decision of the Church Council to put forward the plan for re-ordering the interior of the church. **The past year has also seen a number of changes brought about, not through our own planning, but due to changes in personnel, a reminder perhaps that God works in different ways.** In the space of a few months last year the deaths occurred of several prominent members of our Church **Mr Oswald Hill** was a life-long member of the choir and supporter of the church, a fact which was marked four year's ago when he was invited to become one of the patrons of the living. His advice was followed by many, both within the church and in the community at large. **Mrs Katharine Driver** had also occupied a prominent position in the life of our church. She was largely responsible for the successful establishment of our link with the overseas church at Soroti as well as a keen and conscientious visitor on behalf of the Christian stewardship scheme. I should also mention the contributions made by **Mrs Mary Bennett, Mrs Edith Dewhirst** and, in former years, **Miss Ruth Airey.** **Although we must miss their bodily presence in our church life, we know that we still share their prayers and influence through the fellowship of the communion of saints.**

There have also been changes in the make-up of our congregation due to removal, but in this there has been both gain as well as loss. During the past year **Mr Alan Parker** has joined our church as a lay reader and his wife has taken on the position of church secretary in succession to **Miss Lines** who has removed from the parish.

We have attempted a number of new schemes this past year. We have introduced the experimental Series 2 communion service at the **family communion**, and this service has certainly become an established part of our corporate life and, more than any other of our acts of worship, provides a natural meeting place for young and old alike. The directness of the language in the new service is appreciated by some while there are others who prefer the more familiar words of the prayer book service which is still used on most other occasions. With regard to communicant life, **it is good to know that the very high number of communicants which attended in 1967 was maintained again last year.** Last summer a **bible study group** was formed in the parish and this has met at regular intervals since then, about twenty people having attended at some time. A new series of meetings will be arranged again after Easter. We have also established a scheme of **street wardens** whose

function it is to welcome newcomers to the parish and to notify cases of sickness. I am grateful to **Miss Clark** and to those who have agreed to serve as wardens. This scheme has already proved itself by bringing to our notice cases where visits are of value.

One sphere of work in which there has been encouragement during this past year has been in the church's ministry amongst **young people.** The re-formed youth fellowship, which is almost two years' old now, appears to be meeting the needs of the younger generation at the church. Once a month the members of the fellowship have been attending evening service as a group and have met for discussion after the service in the Sunday School. Partly due to their support there has been an increase in attendance at Sunday evening worship. Here I would express, on behalf of the church, a sense of gratitude for the adult leaders, **Mr Reakes** and **Mr Summersgill**, who are assisted by **Mrs Wainwright, Mrs Tillotson** and **Miss Town** and for the other members of the adult committee.

One other activity which perhaps ought to receive mention is the inter-churches committee made up of representatives of our own and the **Methodist** and **Roman Catholic** churches in Silsden who have organised a couple of successful money-raising events on behalf of needy people at home and overseas. They have already raised in the region of £300 which has been divided between **Christian Aid** and **Shelter**, the national campaign for the homeless.

The year ahead looks likely to be one full of interest and challenge. It will see the final vote of the **Anglican/Methodist** unity scheme and the beginning (in September) of the **observance of the jubilee of the Bradford diocese.** During the jubilee our own parish, along with the other parishes of the Bradford diocese, will be undertaking a **serious consideration of the activity and life of the church.** This is a matter which will deserve the concern and prayers of all those who care for the extension of Christ's kingdom in this place.

There is a word of three letters which one hears very frequently in conversation which I would like to suggest should be used more sparingly; the word is "**but**". So often it is used to evade challenges and responsibilities of plain duty. More often than not it is preceded by the words "**I would like to, but . . .**" It might make a good Lenten exercise to consider how often we use this word to evade the claims of the church upon

our time and talents and money.

I feel it would be a good thing if we were able to cultivate a deeper sense of **fellowship** within our congregation. One of the factors which I fancy militates against this is a casual attitude regarding church attendance. One notes that one of the immediate consequences of the pouring out of the **Holy Spirit** upon the apostles, as recorded in Acts, was the common desire to meet together. **"They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in fellowship meals and in prayers."** It may be justly said that such enthusiasm cannot be maintained continuously perhaps. Yet where the desire to meet together is lacking or not appreciated the church cannot be truly effective. It is to be feared that casual church attendance may often produce casual Christians. We ought occasionally to face the challenge of asking ourselves where our ultimate loyalties are placed. I refer once more to the illustration I used at the beginning of this report. There is one headline which one would truly love to see and yet only seldom could honestly be printed. **"Every member of St. James' church attended service last Sunday."** If such an occasion occurred it would create a few problems for our churchwardens, but I venture to believe it is one they would not really mind having to solve!

I conclude by thanking very sincerely the large number of people who are involved in one way or another with the continuing life and work of the church in Silsdén. As we go forward upon another year of work and worship and witness let us bear in mind the advice of the apostle in the epistle for the day: **"Walk as children of light proving what is acceptable unto the Lord"**. So may we advance the kingdom of God in this parish.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

Last year the Church Missionary Society published an unusual book which served as the annual report of the Society's work. Instead of facts and figures and dry statistics **"See for Yourself"** as the book is called presented in pictures with a brief commentary and prayers the needs of people in to-days world. In the words of the "introduction" this small book is a kind of anthology, in which pictures say more than words. It appeals directly to the imagination in the belief that when sympathy is stirred then responsibility awakens. Responsibility must lead to action, and, for the Christian, one form of action is prayer." This book will form the basis of the six summer meetings of the Parish Study Group to be held fortnightly on Fridays at the Vicarage beginning on the 25th of April. Why not come and see for yourself?

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BRADFORD DIOCESAN NEWS

Holy Week and Easter

THIS is being written at the request of the Bishop. You will be glad to learn that he had a successful operation on March 3rd and that he will soon be back at work again—no doubt before many of you even read this! We send our best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Most of you will get the Diocesan News before Palm Sunday, and you will look in your Parish Magazine for details of arrangements made in your church for Holy Week and Easter. Every Christian makes an effort to commemorate Easter by worship, and those who are confirmed will make their communion. We do this because we know that Easter is the Resurrection Day of our Lord. This is the keystone of our faith—for as S. Paul said "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is vain."

But the Resurrection of Christ is only one incident, although the principal one, in the whole pattern of His ministry which wrought our redemption and salvation.

What about Holy Week? There would have been no Resurrection if Christ had not been crucified on Good Friday. There would have been no Crucifixion if He had not been betrayed by Judas, if He had not incurred the hostility of the Jewish leaders, if He had not suffered the whole of the Passion.

If we are to understand the meaning of Easter, we must also understand the significance of the Passion, and know why He died on the Cross. This means that members of the Church ought to observe Holy Week and Good Friday with the same attention as they devote to Easter Day.

Your parish church will have made arrangements for you to do this, and we suggest that all of you who read this determine to take advantage of them. It will mean making a special effort, and possibly some rearrangement of your habits. But we suggest that for us who claim allegiance to our Lord, it is not too much to ask that in this special week of the year, we do put ourselves out a bit, and thus, please God, we may grow in understanding of our faith, and in loyalty to Him who is our Saviour and Redeemer.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON

Parochial Mission

by the Rev. Noel Hawthorne,
Vicar of Holy Trinity, Idle.

I have been asked to write about parochial mission because last November we had a "mission" in our parish. But it needs to be said right at the beginning that this was not an isolated event in the life of our church. We didn't decide to have a "mission" because we didn't know what to do next, or because we thought that our numbers were not increasing and a mission would help. We believe that the Church exists for mission. It is meant to be a continuous process, and our planning and our strategy are all directed to this end, that we may more effectively engage in mission.

The Beginning

Now it's all very well saying this, but the question is "How? Where do we begin?" We began several years ago, when we were able to gather together a few of our church members for weekly Bible study and prayer. The tiny handful grew slowly as more adults came through the confirmation course and joined the prayer group, and after a time we had a number of people who were developing a sense of spiritual responsibility and were willing and anxious to do something about mission. In 1966 we had a Christian Stewardship campaign, directed by our diocesan adviser, and this helped to awaken still further a sense of spiritual responsibility. In that same year there was the Billy Graham London Crusade with the T.V. relay at Leeds, and a number of our members attended the preparation classes, which dealt specifically with the question of personal counselling. In the crusade itself fourteen of our members served as counsellors, and this gave them first-hand experience of speaking about faith in Christ to an enquirer, which is always a difficult hurdle to cross. They also caught a vision of what is possible when convinced Christians work together as a team. We made use of the crusades of 1967 and 1968 in the same way, and so we built up a group of Christians who met together for

prayer and Bible study and who had acquired some experience of personal evangelism. By this time we felt we were ready for a "mission" in our own parish. Outside crusades are very good for taking people to hear the Gospel and for the training and experience they give to Christians, but their impact on the parish as a whole is bound to be limited. We realise that mission is meant to be a continuous process, but a "parish mission" provides an excellent launching pad for the congregation, and our aim was to involve as many members of our congregation as possible. Without something of this kind it seems very much harder to get people to catch the vision and to become involved.

The Mission

The mission was conducted by Neville Knox, Town Clerk of Harrogate and a well known evangelist. He held preparation classes during the months preceding the mission, and brought with him a team of ordinary Christian men and women from various other churches. During the fortnight before the mission every house in the parish was visited by members of the congregation, and we had a service in church at which our Bishop commissioned Mr. Knox, his team, and our own Church Council and congregation. The mission was from Wednesday 20th to Sunday 24th November last year. The theme was "The Family of God" because we aimed to provide something for every member of the family. On the Wednesday evening we had a Men's Supper, to which it was hoped sixty or seventy men might come. In the event a hundred and thirty men sat down to supper in our school hall. On the Thursday there was a coffee morning for the ladies, with over seventy there, and on Thursday afternoon we had a Senior Citizens' tea, with over eighty present. In the evening we showed part 1 of the film "The Family of God," and this was followed by a meeting for "Twenties to Forty-fives." On the Friday evening we showed part 2 of the film, and then followed a "Late Night Special" for young people and a home meeting for business ladies. On the

World View

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Facts and comments from and about some of the 65 dioceses in Asia and Africa served by GMS.

- ★ Two out of five adults in the world today could not read *World View* if it were published in their own language.
- ★ "The moon is essentially grey . . . it looks like plaster of Paris." *Captain Lovell—one of the three astronauts on the Apollo 8 flight to the moon—talking from outer space to man on earth, at present the furthestmost point of communication between man and man.*
- ★ Since its inauguration (April 20, 1965) JOCV (Japanese Overseas Co-operation Volunteer) has sent over 300 volunteers to five Asian countries and three African nations. They have been involved in a variety of projects including forestry, fishing, mining, public health and education.
- ★ In January, the BBC experimented with 'radiovision' in adult education. Broadcast lectures on Rembrandt were linked to colour slides projected by listeners in their homes. This technique has already been used for some years in schools and colleges.
- ★ Television is used to teach 'the three Rs' in only a few countries—and then mostly on an experimental basis. But its potentialities in education are far-reaching.
- ★ In Yugoslavia, factory workers' councils organize literacy programmes in conjunction with vocational training.
- ★ Every literacy centre in Ceylon is equipped with a radio receiver.

"Eighteen small children quite happily pushed their books and slates into the new little cotton bags they had received and accepted their transfer to the village school. New 'adult' readers, (mostly under 20), were rewarded with next stage reading books."

GMS missionary Gladys Shaw, a pastoral evangelist engaged in village literacy work in the Diocese of Nasik, India.

PEACEMAKERS

Srinagar, built on both sides of the Jhelum River, lies in the heart of Kashmir in a valley enclosed by high mountains. A view of the city's quaint balconies, busy ghats, mosques and temples can be had from river-craft. On its banks stand a school founded by CMS in 1880, and named after Canon Tyndale-Biscoe (the principal from 1890-1946). Only a small number of the pupils are Christians. But when there is political trouble, the school plays a vital part by not taking sides. The boys are able to react to such a situation. This in itself is witness. CMS missionary John Ray (the present principal) and his wife Catherine write of the contribution the school makes to a country facing many problems:

“Prominent among India's problems is communal tension (hatred between people of different religions). We in England only need to reflect on the growth in feeling over coloured immigrants to realize that we cannot stand in judgment. All over the world pluralist societies are emerging, and with them, big new problems. However, if our faith is real, then in Christ we really can break down this wall of partition. Just as in old days the school played a pioneer role in social services, so today it has a part to play in taking a positive stand against this communal virus, and in caring equally for people and children from whatever background they may have come. It is easier for me, as an outsider, to rally our boys on this vital matter, than it would be for a local headmaster. Two weeks ago I took our senior class away on a hike. We were talking about communal feelings in colleges over a camp fire. The boys (of all religions—Muslim, Hindu, Christian, Sikh and Buddhist) were trekking together and friendships naturally cross religious lines. But they agreed that it was very difficult when things started going wrong in college, and mass psychology came into play. The teacher with me, a young Kashmiri, said: ‘Our only duty is to help each other’ and everyone heartily agreed.”

Is the Church being buried?

IT often looks like it. The great buildings reaching to the sky, which in so many cities surround the church buildings of a former age, seem to symbolize the way in which the Church is getting overshadowed by the interests of the modern-world. And this is only, in a way, the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual truth—that the Church is getting buried under a great mass of material interests.

Other Interests

Perhaps when the history of this age comes to be written it will be pointed out that people did not by conscious act become irreligious; but simply just forgot about religion. A writer in a Church paper some few months ago, re-visiting London from abroad after an interval of some years said: ‘Londoners don't go to Church any

more. People say it as if it were a law of nature... they are the young-marrieds of today, with other interests than religion—television, cars, bingo, the pools, pop music, a modern flat... wives go out to work. On Sunday they catch up with the arrears of the housework. Their men clean the windows or the car. For pleasure they drive to Southend or Brighton, or lie in bed and read the papers. Segregated in their towers or blocks of flats, they have little sense of community or neighbourliness; probably haven't the faintest idea of the parish in which they live.’

This is something which is happening as a fact. And when we criticize the Church, as it is quite right that we should do as members of it, and beat our breasts sometimes about its ineffectiveness, and get angry about it,



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as it is quite right that we should, it is also necessary in all fairness to bear in mind the situation in which the Church has to try to do its work today.

That situation is that the Church is being buried under a great pile of other interests and concerns, a considerable number of them worthless.

Message of Easter

It would be easy to lose heart. But it would be very wrong to lose heart. And it is part of the message of Easter that, out of the most dead-looking situations, new life time and again arises. This is the mystery and the miracle of the resurrection, repeated time and time again in many forms.

The reason that the Church is indestructible is that it has at the heart of it a Christ who died and rose again.

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EASTER JOY

*My soul is joyous as a bird in Spring,
That through the air on buoyant,
gladsome wing,
Sings as it soars;*

*For life and love to all, Our Lord will
bring.*

*'Tis Eastertide that fills my soul with
joy,
Not merely pleasure, which may only
cloy,*

*But God's own gift;
And so with heartfelt thanks I will
employ,*

*Whatever powers I have, of mind and
heart,
To take, with all the world, my eager
part*

*In praises meet,
Of him who died, that love might ne'er
depart.*

LEONARD LAMBERT

THE SIGN

*Not ashamed to confess the faith
of Christ crucified*

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T.	1	Tuesday before Easter
W.	2	Wednesday before Easter
Th.	3	Maundy Thursday
F.	4	Good Friday
S.	5	Easter Even
S.	6	Easter Day
M.	7	Monday in Easter Week
T.	8	Tuesday in Easter Week
S.	13	First Sunday after Easter
S.	19	Alphege, B.M. 1012
S.	20	Second Sunday after Easter
M.	21	Anselm, B.D. 1109
W.	23	George, M.
F.	25	St. Mark, Evangelist
S.	27	Third Sunday after Easter
W.	30	Catherine, V. 1380

The reason that the Church is indestructible is that when one form of expressing its truth seems to become irrelevant, and to dwindle away from people's minds, it is always the case that in due course other forms arise which do capture people's hearts and imaginations all over again.

So long as human life continues; so long as people are born, face the problems of growing up, of living their lives, grow older and then face the mystery of death, so long will the work of the Church and the message of the Gospel be as necessary to human life as air and light.

The idea that the Church has been caught up in the death of all things spiritual in the modern material world is just not true. The idea that it will come once again to capture the hearts and minds of people in general may seem sometimes improbable. But, as an idea, it is not nearly so improbable as that the Christ who was crucified should rise again, and that the faith in him should spread about the world, as it did.

SIGNET

4. TEMPERANCE

'GOOD HEAVENS! Do you eat that cheap imported stuff?' exclaimed Angela Hoggitt, looking aghast at a jar of honey on Felicity Anderson's larder shelf.

Poor Circumstances

It really was a bit thick and, unfortunately, so typical of many of Angela's tactless remarks. Peter Hoggitt, having partially qualified for his profession, was in receipt of a salary of £1700 a year. Jeremy was an artist but not yet known. He and Felicity managed—on a shoe string, to maintain a flat in Putney and to feed, clothe and warm themselves and their infant daughter. These two were amazing. Hard-up as they were they once put up a married art-student friend with his pregnant wife, almost for nothing, while they searched for rooms or a flat. Angela thought them utter fools and was, no doubt, right. But then, Angela resented the fact that so far she and Peter had no car and only a

VIRTUE STREAM- LINED

by M. E. Dahl

twelve-inch television, but Peter was adamant. He must pay off debts incurred during his student days before they embarked on luxuries.

'Luxuries!', said Angela. 'A decent car and a TV are necessities!'

But there were always more 'necessities', the lack of which, as the years went by, turned Angela into a hard-mouthed platinum blonde and Peter into a kindly, busy but worried man.

Suddenly Jeremy 'arrived'. Almost overnight, it seems, his work was



famous and in demand. His designs were sought after, his clever, rather terrifying surrealist cartoons appeared in a number of avant-garde magazines, and his sculptures were commissioned.

A Change in Circumstances

'I can't understand why you don't buy that bit of land and make a paddock for Tessa's pony, said Angela.

There was a brittle, harsh tone in her voice as she stubbed out her fifth cigarette—one and a half inches from the cork filter tip. Felicity and Jeremy had just given Angela and Peter a dream of a dinner. The main dish had been homely lamb cutlets, but with delicate golden *pommes frites* and *petits pois*, and the wine—*Puligny-Montrachet* 1962—was a dream, fully appreciated by Jeremy and Peter, but making little impact on Angela's nicotine-ridden palate. Felicity was a teetotaler but it gave her great pleasure to see Jeremy and some of his more discerning friends enjoying good wines, beers and spirits—in moderation, as Jeremy and most of his friends usually did. She was not so happy about Peter who had drunk too much *Montrachet* to enjoy it.

They were sitting on the veranda of their slightly sloping garden in the village where they had settled. The house was new, modern, the creation of one of Jeremy's architect friends who was world famous. For all its fame the house was modest, both in cost to build and in maintenance.

They now had a lot of money but most of it slipped away anonymously. He contributed regularly to the local Christian Stewardship fund even though he was an agnostic. He enjoyed asking Canon Dawkins and his wife to delicious dinners, both because these two appreciated good food and good art and because the Canon could discuss theology by the hour without

getting hot under the collar at Jeremy's unbelief.

'Well, there *are* reasons', said Jeremy referring to the piece of land which Angela had marked out as a paddock.

'I can't think what', said Angela, unable to leave things alone.

There was a silence—broken by Felicity.

'You see it belongs to one of the men in the village—a small farmer. He rents it—from the Vicar actually.'

'Well, won't the Vicar sell?', said Angela.

'He'd sell', said Jeremy. 'The Church authorities would let him. But I couldn't move the tenant.'

'Unless', said Felicity, tactless to the last, 'You got him off—as you could—as a bad tenant—which he is. But his father and grandfather farmed that bit of land. He'll have to retire soon. It'd break his heart to have to give up.'

'You're both crazy', responded Angela.

Steady Values

If Jeremy hadn't been so mellow with good food and good wine he would have said something sarcastic to Angela but he let it pass—he usually did. He and Felicity were contented and relaxed people. They now enjoyed living to the full. But they never forgot the hard days in the Putney flat. They were never extravagant, never overdid things. A strange partnership grew up between Canon Dawkins and the agnostic artist—a conspiracy shared by the local grocer who supplied information about the poor, old, lonely and troubled people in the neighbourhood. Many got timely help.

What is Jeremy's and Felicity's virtue? A much misunderstood one—*temperance*.



On a Leeds Challenge Course
Photo: Outward Bound Trust

CHALLENGE FOR YOUTH

JUNE BARBOUR

Formerly Secretary of the Greater London
Conference of Voluntary Youth Organizations.

4. Opportunities for full-time service at home and abroad

MUCH has been heard about the American 'Peace Corps' and possibly about its English forerunner 'Voluntary Service Overseas' (vso) but much less is known on the whole about Community Service Volunteers (csv).

Whereas vso needs either graduates or school leavers with 2-3 'A' levels plus skill at practical hobbies, music, games, scouting or guiding, csv is not so demanding in academic skills and other accomplishments. There may be none of the glamour or excitement of working overseas, but there is adventure and satisfaction to be derived from working in a totally strange environment and undertaking a tough assignment which needs every bit as much initiative, reliability and adaptability as vso projects.

Variety of Projects

For vso (and other similar schemes) a school leaver must be able to give at least one year, usually running from the beginning of the school year. They must be physically fit and able to withstand working in a hot climate. The majority of requests for school leavers come from secondary schools where proficiency in English, maths and science are most needed. But teaching is not the only work which would be undertaken in such a setting; outside activities may include levelling

Bible Notes

He took a towel and girded himself. Then he poured water into the basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel. John 13. 4-5. (American Standard)

Pilate could see that nothing was being gained, and a riot was starting; so he took water and washed his hands in full view of the people, saying 'My hands are clean of this man's blood; see to that yourselves.' Matthew 27. 24 (New English Bible)

A BASIN of water and a towel—these two incidents happened within a few hours of each other. What a contrast!

Jesus—washing other peoples' feet, an act of humble service and refreshing.

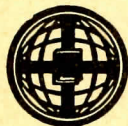
Pilate—washing his hands of responsibility, literally and metaphorically, characteristic (was it?) of weakness, cowardice or fear?

Jesus—a spontaneous involvement in the needs of mankind, nothing too menial. The dignity of helping one another in practical action, not looking for new ways of helping but seeing the opportunity ready to hand and seizing it.

Pilate—the desire not to be involved, not to be held culpable, but to find an easy way of escape, and shift the balance to others in a face-saving gesture.

Circumstances in life sometimes confront us with alternatives. The way of the world may be to compromise, or to excuse oneself. The way of Christ was humbler, harder and better.

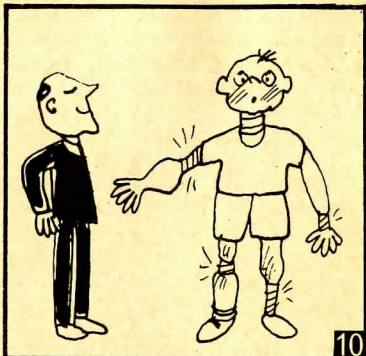
If you would like to know more about the teachings of Scripture, write to: The Rev. Ian Thomson, Director, The Bible Reading Fellowship, 148 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1.



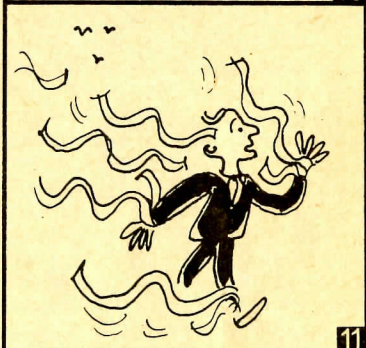
FIRST AID

A series of cartoons illustrating what not to do in an emergency. See if you can tell what the mistakes are, then turn to page 62.

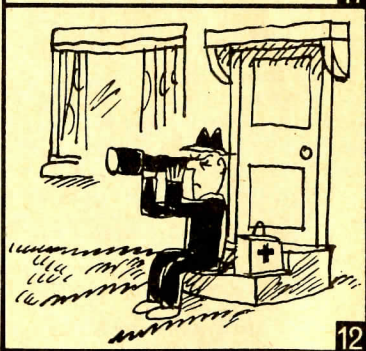
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Talking to Women

Christabel Dangerfield comments

THE Mercury/Saturn influences during the first part of the week bring a challenging time when obligations make heavy demands.

'You have Neptune and Jupiter as your ruling planets. Neptune gives you a high degree of appreciation of art. Jupiter makes you a lovable, humane type.'

Are people today as hard-boiled and self-sufficient as they would like us to believe? How many, even among those who scorn religious practices as useless superstitions, are avid readers of horoscopes and birthday forecasts? The fact that some popular women's magazines give a whole page, and that daily newspapers use precious column space for these things, suggests that the number of readers is great. Of course, it is declared to be 'only a bit of fun', and certainly some of it is very good advice: 'Likely to be a week of many arguments, better keep calm. You'll get your own way if you are good humoured.'

It is exciting to read: 'Pleasant surprises . . . they could materialize in money or presents.' We are usually too busy at the end of the week to check on whether they have materialized.

'You should find bargains early in the week' is not difficult to believe at Sales' time.

All good fun, of course, if we don't blame Mars and Saturn for the faults which lie in ourselves.

Storage Space

The old saying 'have a place for everything and keep everything in its place' is often difficult to carry out in our small modern houses and flats. It is hard to find a place for everything. One solution lies in making greater use of shelf space.

A living room shelf can have a roomy record cabinet fitted underneath, or, alternatively, a drawer below it which can hold the great variety of articles which so often find their way into every available bowl or dish. Plastic drawers can be fitted under wardrobe shelves to hold cuff links, hair grips, etc. or they may be fixed under working surfaces in the kitchen. Space over a row of coat hangers is often wasted, and this can be utilized by putting a shelf above the hooks on which bags can be stored. Kitchen shelves can be more effective if they have a good ridge at the end of the shelf which will prevent plates from sliding off.



Sausage and Egg Patties

These patties can be eaten either hot or cold, and will do very well for a picnic basket. You will need:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 8 oz. short crust pastry | 1 tea sp. made mustard |
| 1 oz. margarine or butter | 2 hard boiled eggs |
| 1 oz. cornflour | 2 tomatoes |
| ½ pint of milk | 4 cooked sausages |
| salt and pepper. | |

Roll out two-thirds of the pastry and line some large individual patty tins. Roll out the rest of the pastry and cut out to form the lids. Bake at Mark 7 or 425 degrees for 15-20 minutes. The lids will only take about 10 minutes. Make a sauce with the cornflour, milk and margarine. Add the salt, pepper and mustard. Skin and chop the tomatoes, slice the sausages and cut up the eggs. Stir all these into the sauce, fill the pastry cases with the mixture and put the lids on top.

PERSONALITY COLUMN



Sam Woodhouse

THE Venerable Samuel Mostyn Forbes Woodhouse who is known to his friends just as Sam Woodhouse, came, but a few months ago, from being Rector of St Stephen's in Bristol to be Archdeacon of London. Now he lives in one of those houses in Amen Court, almost within the shadow of the

dome of St. Paul's, involved in a mass of concerns. It is a far cry from the quiet town of Leominster, in Herefordshire, where Sam Woodhouse was vicar from 1949 to 1956, and an even further cry from Holy Trinity, South Shore, Blackpool, where he was vicar before that. Educated at Shrewsbury and Christ Church, Oxford, Sam Woodhouse was a curate at Lancaster Priory when the war caught up with him. He was a chaplain by 1939; nine months later he was evacuated from Dunkirk in the last vessel to leave the beaches on the morning of the 4th June, 1940. After that came the Middle East and the Eighth Army, when he was Senior Chaplain to the Seventh Armoured Division. Three times mentioned in despatches he came home with a resounding record behind him. It wouldn't surprise some of his many friends if he had a resounding future before him, too.

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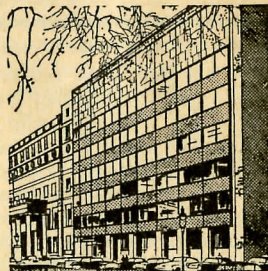


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Jesus met the awful fact that he must die, knowing that his Father's love was capable of dealing with even so terrible a crime. He was afraid (Lk. 22.39-44) and he probably couldn't 'see the point in it'.

He relied absolutely on the love of God when all else failed him, and he was not let down. Evil could not take away the life of the Son of God, and he is living still. God is absolutely reliable. Yes, and for us too.

Let us thank Jesus for giving us his life and his love.

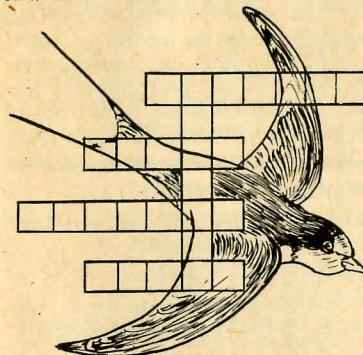
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Competition No. 23

For Under Nines.

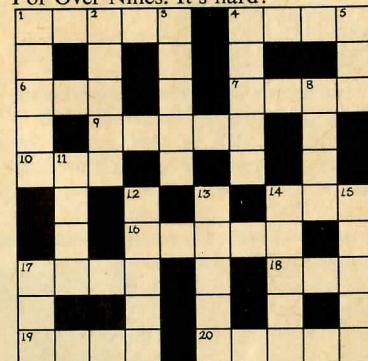
The following verses contain the names of birds.

Psalm 102.7. If you fit the right ones Lam. 4.3; Isaiah 38.14; Deut. 32.11 and into the blocks going across the page, you will be able to fill in the alternate letters downwards to make the name of another bird.



Competition No. 24

For Over Nines. It's hard!



Clues Across

1. One-twelfth of a year. 4. Jonathan gave it to David. 6. Number of sons in a parable. 7. What we should do freely. 9. Abram came to this plain. 10. Famous priest at Shiloh. 14. Too many fishes broke it. 16. Corinthian household (1 Cor.1). 17. Son of Canaan. 18. To persecute. 19. Substance given in creation. 20. Rich fool built larger ones.

Clues Down

1. Bishop's headwear. 2. Her life story in Ruth. 3. In Ps. 51 the prayer was for a clean one. 4. A certain lawyer's answer. 5. Day before a festival. 8. Jesus said he was the true one. 11. Jacob's affection for Rachel. 12. Joshua called him 'my son'. 13. First-born of Jesse. 14. Paul said this about love failing. 15. Matthew collected them. 17. Mountain where Aaron died.

Winners of Competition No. 18: 1st. Linda Ryan, 7, of Acklam. 2nd. Keith Foston, 14, of Bourne. 3rd. Janet Brunskill, 8, of Cleethorpes.

Answers to Competition No. 21

The parables depicted in the pictures were 1. The Sower (Mark and Luke). 2. A new patch on an old garment (Matthew, Mark and Luke). 3. The wise virgins (Matthew). 4. The house built on the rock (Matthew, Luke).

The entry date for both competitions is April 25th. My address is Gillian, The Alden Press, Osney Mead, Oxford.

How to say no to a starving child

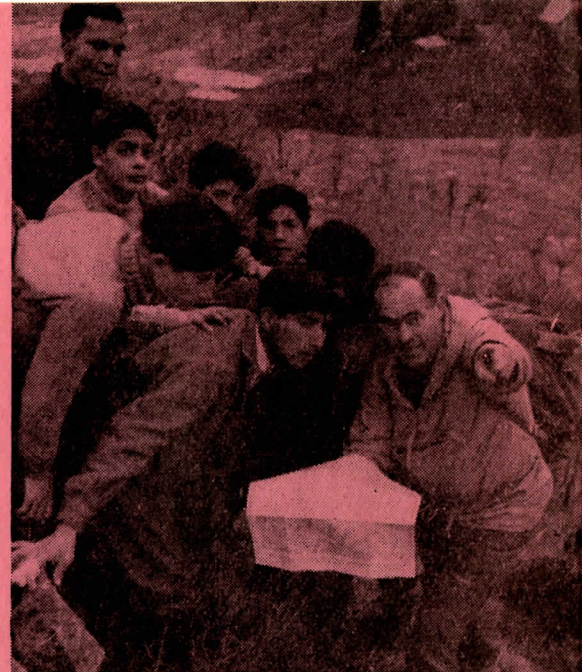


Tell him half the world is hungry. And since you can't help them all what's the point in helping one. Tell him the problem is far too big for any organisation. And that he must wait until the governments of the world can solve it all. Tell him how sorry you are. How wrong you feel the whole thing is. That it's cruel. But you're so busy. Or say yes with a gift to Oxfam — because you know nothing can ever justify needless human suffering.

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Map reading is essential before setting out on a mountaineering expedition. John Ray discusses a point with some of the boys of Tyndale-Biscoe School.



Philippa Guillebaud helps to spread the Good News from her mobile 'bookshop'.



SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Philippa Guillebaud, a CMS missionary (formerly working in the Sudan) is now based at Gulu in Northern Uganda. A young Sudanese refugee, Richard Jada, has been helping her with bible translation work. The large old bungalow she lives in is divided into two self-contained flats. Her neighbours, Dr. and Mrs. Lea, formerly at the Kumi-Ongino Leprosy Centre, are now involved in a leprosy survey of Acholi district, and many Church-related activities.

“ Last term some of the young students at the teacher training college at Gulu—where I have taken some RE classes this past year—came to see me at work on translating the Bible into the Bari language. They were very interested to see what we were doing and asked a lot of questions. . . . As a result of the visit some of them decided that they would like to take a share in this long process of bible translation—that is, to help in the distribution. . . .

“ I was at one of the refugee camps not far from the Nile for the nights of December 24 and 25. We started the day with the Holy Communion service in the little thatched church. Then after a break we went on to a great shady tree some distance away where the main service was held. The camp now has four Protestant congregations and small mud churches put up by themselves. There were too many to meet in any one church, so that is why we met in the open air. . . . People took a long time to assemble because they had to walk some distance, as the camp covers a large area. At last the service began with the arrival of the choir of young Christian girls singing with great abandon one of their praise songs. This was in traditional African rhythm accompanied by a drum. . . . When the time came for me to speak, the crowd was dense and stretched for some distance—I hoped my voice would carry. I was very glad I had based my talk on some large poster-sized pictures. . . . It had been intended that after the service I should open the bookstall and sell from the back of my car; but looking at the huge crowd, I felt that it would be wiser to move over to the church compound to avoid being stampeded. Selling went on for almost two hours. We sold 140s. worth of books. . . .

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X Don't be in the dark! Read CMS OUTlook. Annual subscription 6s. And have you discovered SEE FOR YOURSELF by John V. Taylor? (3s.) Both are available from the Distribution Manager, 157 Waterloo Road, London, SE1.

Saturday morning we had over a hundred and twenty children in church for the “Children’s Special,” and on Sunday morning we had a Family service. The final Guest service was on the Sunday evening. At each of these meetings Mr. Knox had two or more of his team members answering questions about their faith in Jesus Christ, besides speaking himself. At the final guest service he gave an opportunity for those present to make an act of witness, and seventy four of the congregation came out, twenty-four to commit their lives to Christ and the others to make an act of re-dedication.

The follow-up

Since the mission we have had follow-up meetings, and also a residential weekend specially for the benefit of those who are new in the Christian faith. The last thing we want is for people to look back and talk about “The Mission,” as if it was ended. It was merely a part, albeit a highlight, in the process of becoming active in mission as a congregation. We are now planning a series of Guest services linked to parish visiting in the future, to give us something on which we can focus our prayers and our evangelistic efforts, with the idea of “each one bring one.” We do not pretend that every member of our church is now spiritually “on fire”—far from it! But we do know that some of our members are, and that this mission has helped to bring this about. We hope and pray that we shall be able to go on from here, so that more and more of our congregation become actively involved, not just in a “parish mission” but in mission in the parish.

Church Assembly Spring Session

by Canon J. Clayton

The Spring Session of the Assembly was preceded by a Conference arranged by the Liturgical Commission to consider the suggested revision of

the Calendar and the Lectionary. Many members, including our own Bishop, made weighty contributions to the debate, but the obvious solution is for clergy and congregations to study the suggestions and to try them out.

A full scale debate took place at the Assembly on a Report, entitled ‘The Supporting Ministry.’ For many years people have been pleading for the ordination of men, who would remain in their present occupations, but who would also, as occasion allowed, supplement the parochial ministers. Proposals for this were laid before the Assembly and were generally approved but two things were made abundantly clear. There cannot be two grades of ministers, a first class and a second class. In addition, training for a supplementary ministry, though different, must be in no way inferior to that of training for the parochial ministry. The whole question was remitted to A.C.C.M.

Much interest was also aroused by the Report on the Thirty Nine Articles. There were those who wished to see subscription to the Articles removed, and those who felt that this would be a major disaster. The report itself suggested a revision of the Articles and a modified subscription. The whole question has now been passed on for a fuller consideration by the Convocations.

The Assembly made it clear that it did not favour the transfer of glebe to the Church Commissioners, and was doubtful about the transfer of the parsonage houses to the Diocesan Authorities.

An outstanding debate took place on a Report on The Church and the Social Services. This debate, ably led by the Dean of Liverpool, paid tribute to the work which is already being done by the clergy in conjunction with the statutory social services and gave great encouragement for this to be extended.

Of the motions, perhaps the most interesting was one by the Rev. A. J. K. Goss welcoming proposals to increase the effectiveness of the Church’s work in the rural areas.

Parcevall Hall

The house and gardens will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th April. An entrance fee of 3/- will be charged which also includes refreshments. There will be conducted tours of the house, and an exhibition of photographs featuring the history of the house will be on view. Cake Stall and Bring & Buy Stall.

Please notify the Warden if you wish to bring a party, and remember that only cars and mini-buses can be allowed up the drive.

For Sale: The following O.T. Commentaries of the International Critical Commentaries (unused and in mint condition) all offered at half-price plus packing and postage: Psalms (2 vols.) 28/-. Job 20/- Genesis 15/-. Deuteronomy 18/-. Amos & Hosea 16/-. Mic, Zeph, Nah, Hab, Obad, Joel 16/-. Hag, Zech, Mal, Jon 14/-. Apply to The Rev. P. Skoulding, 15 West View, Bradford 4 (Tel. 26681).

Bradford C.M.S. Women's Committee. "An Evening in Malaysia" introduced by Mrs. S. Howe. Cathedral Lower Hall, Thursday, 24th April, 7-00 for 7-45 p.m. Bring & Buy, Slides, Malaysian Menu.

Christian Education Movement (Keighley and Skipton). 30th April, Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton. 7 p.m. A.G.M. 8 p.m. Montgomery Lecture: "Genesis 1-11 — A contemporary interpretation of the Fall of Man" by the Rev. Canon P. J. Lamb, M.A., Principal of S. John's College of Education, York.

U.S.P.G.—A Bring & Buy Sale will be held in Church House, Bradford, on Thursday, 8th May. Morning Coffee 10-30—12-00 (1/3). Afternoon Opening 2-30 by Mrs. Robin Wrench. Afternoon Teas 3-00—5-00 (2/-).

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Vacancies

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Appointments

The Reverend R. S. Gurr, *St. Mary the Virgin, Wyke*, 18th April at 7-30 p.m.
The Reverend D. N. Box, *St. Peter, Allerton*, 21st April at 7-30 p.m.
The Reverend G. Ashford, *Holy Trinity, Cowling*, 24th April at 7-30 p.m.

Calendar of Intercession

April 9 All Saints, Burton-in-Lonsdale (*Charles Trevor*), 10 U.B. of S. John, Langcliffe, and S. Peter, Stainforth (*Eric Allen*), 11 S. Margaret, Benthams (*John Adams*), 12 S. Helen, Denton (*David Creaser*), 14 S. Martin, Heaton (*Graham Sanders*), 15 Holy Trinity, Low Moor (*Donald Brown*), 16 S. James, Thornton (*Alan Mason*), 17 S. Paul, Esholt (*Lewis Higdon*), 18 S. Peter, Stainforth (*Eric Allen*), 19 S. Mary, Ingleton (*William Ruck*), 21 S. Peter, Allerton (*David Box*), 22 S. Mary, Burley-in-Wharfedale (—), 23 S. Peter, Rawdon C (*Theodore Hawkins*), 24 S. Luke, Eccleshill (*David Sutcliffe, Vernon Brooke*), 25 S. Mark, 26 S. Oswald, Horton-in-Ribblesdale C (*Philip Stringer*), 28 S. Margaret, Thornbury (*Kenneth Court*), 29 S. Ambrose, Grindleton (*Malcolm Sidebottom*), 30 S. Paul, Denholme (*Bernard Gribbin*).

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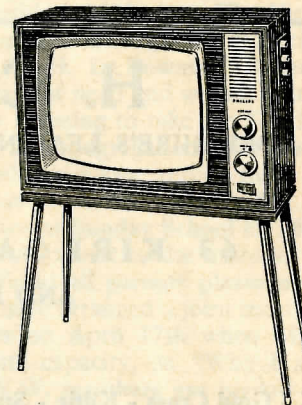
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PARISH ROUNDBABOUT

The list of services for **Holy Week and Easter** will be found in **Diary for the Month**. All those whose names are on the communicants' list of the church will receive a card inviting them to attend communion on **Easter Day** as required by the rubric of the **Book of Common Prayer** . . . The **confirmation service** last month was an inspiring occasion. In the absence of our own bishop in hospital, the service was conducted by the **Suffragen Bishop of Knaresborough**. The collection raised **£21** for the **Bishop's fund for the church overseas** . . . It was good to see a full church on the following Sunday when the newly-confirmed attended together. There were **128** communicants at the **Family Communion** on that day . . . At the annual meeting **Tom Rhodes** and **John Parkinson** were re-appointed churchwardens for the forthcoming year. A full report of the proceedings will appear in next month's magazine . . . **The Vicar will be away** for a short break after Easter (10-17th April). The Vicar of Steeton, the **Rev. G. H. L. Bowman** (Steeton 2004) will be glad to help in any case of need and we are grateful to him and **Mr Winstanley** for agreeing to take the Sunday services . . . Will members of the congregation who have taken **C.M.S. Lent boxes** or envelopes please return them at one of the Easter services or as soon as possible afterwards? . . . **Children's Lent boxes** will be opened at **Sunday School on 20th April**. On that Sunday all classes will revert to the morning at **10.25** for the summer months. **Would all parents please note this alteration?** . . . The **C.E.M.S.** have arranged a joint meeting with the **M.U.** and **Young Wives** on **April 17th** when **Miss Joan Hall** is to speak, in a private capacity, on "Why I am proud to be British". **M.U.** and **Y.W. members are invited to bring their husbands with them, and also extra food for the faith supper** . . . **M.U. members are reminded that at their meeting on May 1st Mrs Bennion will speak about M.U. Literature and will have a stall for sale of books and cards.** Details about the **Triennial Festival on June 10th** will be announced at the May meeting. **Mrs Halliwell** has booked a coach and asks that those intending to go please give their names and a deposit of 5/- to her either on **April 17th** or **May 1st** . . . **Would Y.W. members please note that the speaker at their next meeting on April 10th will be the headmistress of the Holy Family School in Keighley.** The group's summer outing will be arranged after this meeting. . . . The first of a new series of meetings of the **Parish Study Group** will be at the Vicarage on **Friday 25th April at 7.45 p.m.** It is intended to use a course prepared by **C.M.S.** entitled "See for yourself". Both old and new members will be most welcome.

SILSDEN PARISH CHURCH
Sunday Services

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m. (Third Sunday only) Family Communion.

10.30 a.m. (except third Sunday) Mattins and sermon (first Sunday: Choral Communion).

6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Holy Communion is also administered after Evensong on the fourth Sunday and on Saints Days at 9.30 a.m. (except when otherwise stated).

Sunday School 10.25 a.m. (Seniors) 2 p.m. (Juniors, Kindergarten and Infants.).

Baptisms: Third Sunday at 3.30 p.m. (by arrangement).

Marriages: By arrangement with the Vicar.

Christian Stewardship: Your church is supported through the pledged, direct giving of its members. If you would like to know more, please speak to the churchwardens, or your visitor about it.

Private prayer: The parish church is open each day from 8 a.m. till dusk for your use for quiet and prayer.

Some useful addresses

(All phone numbers are STEETON exchange)

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