

CONFERENCES AND WORLD POVERTY

The great conferences at Uppsala and Edinburgh — and, no doubt, as we shall hear in due course, Lambeth too — have been much concerned with the problems of world hunger and world poverty. The young people who were at Edinburgh are certainly on fire about this and other important issues, and are not likely to rest content with the resolutions they have passed (as older people are often prone to do, as though words by themselves could do the trick) but are determined to follow them up with action, resolute and sustained. We shall have the opportunity to hear more about what they propose on October 6.

Uppsala, moved by a great speech by Lady Jackson, the economist, who pointed out that the way in which the enormous inequalities of wealth within European nations a century ago (when the rich landowner or manufacturer might receive an income of over a million pounds a year tax free, and the poor millworker or farm labourer less than £50) was by the development of the trinity of taxation, collective wage-bargaining and demand management, decided that similar economic planning would have to be applied to end the material inequities of the contemporary international scene (where 20% of the world's population commands 80% of the world's wealth). It was urged that the churches must give the lead by a self imposed tax that would prepare the way for a world tax-system. This is something that ought speedily to be translated into action, not just spoken about as a pious hope.

EDINBURGH — “LIVING 68 STYLE” THE FIRST REACTIONS

It is no exaggeration to say that this fourth British Conference of Christian Youth lived, died and was resurrected. Despite the ecumenical atmosphere, the beautiful city and countryside, and despite all the organisation — on its 4th Day the Conference saw a display of viciousness, disunity, and downright lack of Christian Charity as had to be experienced to be believed. It arose out of a fundamental difference of opinion which had been below the surface all conference. The radicals, keenly stung by the cry of the world's suffering, claimed that world poverty, and how we should deal with it, should be the central theme of the conference. The conservatives, in reaction, claimed that man's spiritual welfare was more important, and this was the heart of the Christian message. The two came into open and prolonged conflict at the plenary session on Monday evening (4th day). That session ended in an uproar which made every other uproar I have ever seen look like a polite tea party, and to many of us this great ecumenical venture seemed to have failed. We were utterly ashamed of ourselves. The Conference returned to the campus visibly shaken.

But out of this despondency and gloom, God was able to shape and completely resurrect the Conference. Prayer meetings went on until the early hours of the morning. Next morning's prayer meeting was packed out. The Communion tables had many around them, and we slowly saw that God was working his purposes out. He had taken us to the end of **our** strength and led us to the beginning of His.

And from then on it was a different Conference. The resurrected Christ was everywhere in His task of reconciliation. Conservative joined with Radical to confess, to talk, to humbly learn, and to make something of the rest of the Conference. The feeling of tolerance, unity

and love, which did not leave us from that moment on was quite incredible.

Gradually the Conference came to see that a renewal in mission must go hand in hand with a renewal in service, and neither is completely possible without an adequate vision of Christ.

I went to Edinburgh, reluctantly, half-regretting my early rash commitment to the ecumenical cause. I had fears of the ecumenical movement becoming one more structure which cluttered the ecclesiastical landscape, one more block which hindered rather than helped Christ's work. But the vision that all of us saw at Edinburgh cannot be denied. There is no gulf between the social and spiritual gospel — and reconciliation and tolerance are a sign of Christ's strength rather than Man's weakness.

There are many follow-up plans ready in the pipe-line and more will emerge for the local areas. We will all hear and see them later. But none of us who were there can ever forget the vision from which they were born!

R.J.D.

THE CHURCHYARD

The grass has grown vigorously since the June Mass Attack (it has been rather well watered!!) and YOUR HELP is again NEEDED to keep the situation in bounds.

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 21 and 28 are the dates! Please, PLEASE come along and assist in clearing up for the winter — any time between 9.30 a.m. and dusk. It will make next year's task so much easier.

PLEASE ROLL UP AND HELP!

R.B.

THE ST. JAMES'S TUESDAY CLUB

On alternate Tuesdays through the Autumn the Tuesday Club for women will meet in Wayside. The first meeting, appropriately enough, is on October 1 at 8.15 p.m. It is a social evening (entirely FREE) and ALL ladies of the parish are invited to come and meet each other and hear all about it.

K.B.

THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

At the last general meeting it was unanimously decided to disband, as it was felt the Group was no longer fulfilling its purpose.

The Coffee Club for mothers with young children will continue to meet in Wayside on the second and fourth Thursdays in each month at 10.30 a.m.

K.B.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, HAMPTON AUTUMN FAIR SEPTEMBER 21

The League of Friends is appealing for offers of help in running stalls, etc. Also they will be grateful for gifts of:—

Tea, sugar, cakes, scones, groceries, plants, etc. Nearly new stall (clean clothes in good condition — in fact the odd mistake).

To make it as simple as possible for you to help, Mrs. D. Warwick, 52, Park Road (979 7004) will be pleased to accept your gifts and offers of help to pass on to the right quarter. LET US HELP OUR LOCAL HOSPITAL — A WORTHY CAUSE.

SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAZILAND

On August 7, in the evening, Mrs. Amy Lewis kindly invited as many people as she could, at short notice, to Wayside, where we were shown films of her visit to her daughter in South Africa. Wayside was full and Mr. Ron Bridges kindly projected the cine films.

Swaziland scenery was so unusual, the vastness gave a feeling of freedom — the beautiful waterfalls tumbling down, the native people in their brightly coloured wraps. There were some charming and natural pictures of Mrs. Lewis's grandchildren, their antics providing considerable fun. Finally the remarkable pictures of the Game Reserve where the animals wandered almost undisturbed. Everyone has to stay in his car except next to the hippo pool, when a guide will escort you to see these rather ungainly animals playing in the water.

Mrs. Lewis kindly gave us all cups of tea and biscuits, which was very welcome, and I am sure all present were pleased to have had the opportunity of seeing a part of the world one hears about so often but rarely sees.

A.W.

THE HARVEST SUPPER

Can this Autumnal Festival already be upon us? Yes, it is to be held on Thursday, October 3, this year. The service in church will be followed by the Supper in the Parish Hall — please put this date in your diaries and watch for further details on posters, etc. As you know this is always a popular event so you are asked to obtain your tickets as soon as available.

R.G.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

We were delighted to have Mrs. Futter with us at our closing service on the first Wednesday of July. July was a very exciting month in M.U. for the World-Wide Conference was held in London. On Tuesday, July 30, members of M.U. and Y.W. joined together to entertain some of the delegates to tea in the Vicarage garden. The weather was good and our guests were glad to relax in such a pleasant setting, after their hurried tour of Hampton Court. The many children present served to give the event a family atmosphere, the older ones were particularly helpful both before and after our visitors arrived. Mr. Webb took some good photographs which will serve as a happy reminder of our small part in the World-wide Conference. When I attended the Overseas Conference at Whitelands College the following day I was thanked repeatedly for our hospitality. I should like to express my personal thanks to all who helped in any way to make this such a pleasant afternoon, particularly to the Vicar and Mrs. Brunt who put the house and garden at our disposal.

It was a great privilege to be present at the Opening service in Westminster Abbey on July 22. The Abbey was filled to capacity with women from all parts of the world, and was graced by the presence of the Queen Mother. The procession of delegates, many in national costume, followed later by the scarlet clad Bishops, added brilliance to an already colourful scene, and the music was a delight. Bishop Trevor Huddleston, speaking of the importance of safeguarding Christian Family Life, mentioned that there was no need of homes for Old folk or for orphans in the Diocese of Masasi, these were all taken care of within the family circle! After the Archbishop of Canterbury had pronounced the Benediction, the processions reformed, the Abbey bells

pealed out, the delegates left to attend a reception at the Mansion House, and hundreds of gaily dressed M.U. members left the Abbey, to the amazement of the tourists around, who must have thought this was another of the sights of London!

At the Overseas meeting in Central Hall on the Thursday, Richard Baker of T.V. fame, introduced M.U. workers from Korea, India, Pakistan, Africa, West Indies, and as he interviewed each lady, transparencies of her particular area were shown on the screen. This was followed by a song and dance item from the African delegates. The meeting ended with an inspiring speech by Mrs. Tudor from Barbados.

At the weekend I had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Booth, Diocesan President of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, a young, and forward looking, Diocesan President, whom many of you met at Wayside. The previous week I had taken some of the delegates from South and East Africa on a shopping and sight seeing expedition in London, and felt decidedly humble when I realised that they could speak and understand English, while I knew not a word of their languages!

Mrs. Edmonds and I lunched with the Bishop of Owerri at Mary Sumner House, and from him gained first-hand knowledge of the distressing conditions under which members of our linked branch in Ife are now living. We must pray continuously that a solution may soon be found, that the fighting will cease, and the whole country be restored to peace and order once more.

Bishop and Mrs. Scott from Sierra Leone (the Diocese to which London is linked) will be speaking at a meeting at C.M.S. House, 157, Waterloo Road, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, September 11. We are hoping to arrange for Mrs. Scott to address a meeting in this Deanery before she returns home.

We are not issuing programmes this season — we meet at 2.30 p.m. in Wayside on September 4, for a social afternoon and Bring and Buy Sale. The Vicar will conduct a service in church on Wednesday, October 2.

I.V.R.

AN M.P. VISITS ST. JAMES'S

On Sunday, July 28, instead of the usual Y.P.F. meeting, the M.P. for Twickenham, Mr. R. Gresham-Cooke, C.B.E., was invited to give a talk on "Morality in Government." As he was coming we decided to call the meeting open.

The talk was very enlightening and entertaining — even amusing at times. Questions were invited afterwards, followed by informal discussion during coffee. One 'quip,' overheard, by the guest to someone dressed in a red shirt, "I hope that's not on purpose." Much to our amusement, Mr. Gresham-Cooke adjourned to the local for more informal chatter, and we were invited to see round the House of Commons in November.

Unfortunately all good things come to an end and, sorrowfully, we said goodbye to our honoured guest. A wonderful evening was had by all, including the guest, who has since expressed his delight on the whole evening.

M.C.E.

SAINT JAMES'S DAY

Fortunately the evening was tolerably fine, and after the well-attended Parish Communion in church, about seventy people were able

to gather on the Vicarage lawn for light refreshments and conversation. In this summer of atrocious weather, it is remarkable that we have been able to hold all the four or five events arranged for the Vicarage garden exactly as planned, without recourse to the indoors substitute of Wayside!

A BIT OFF THE BEAM

“The area has no facilities for social functions and a community centre is an urgent need in Hampton Hill, where there is little social life apart from the activities of the three political parties” (from a recent report in a local paper).

We may agree with the Hampton Hill Association about the need for a community centre; but to say that there is at the moment little social life in the area is somewhat wide of the mark. A number of bodies besides the political parties could point to the well-supported social events which they arrange. St. James's itself, and its Social Committee, for instance, have no bad record behind them—and most of the social functions organised in the past year have not just been for the benefit of those closely-linked with the Church, but for the community as a whole. More of course perhaps could and should be done, but we don't want to begin by overlooking or disparaging what already takes place!

THE HAMPTON HILL AND TEDDINGTON SHELTER GROUP

This group meets every first Wednesday in the month at 8.0 p.m. at Hampton Methodist Church Hall, and welcomes anyone who is looking for an opportunity to serve the community. This month it appeals for collectors to help in the great drive for funds to enable many more people to be provided with decent accommodation which is to take place during the week October 6—12. Please volunteer, and then inform the local organiser, Mr. English, 19, South Road, Hampton (979-3631).

SOME DATES TO NOTE

- Sept. 4.—2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union: Social Afternoon and B. & B. Sale (W).
- „ 7.—3.00 p.m. Old People's Welfare Committee: Garden Fete at Laurel Dene (Mothers' Union organise Cake Stall); 6.30 p.m. Scout Group Supporters' Association: Barbecue at Holly Road Triangle.
- „ 11.—2.30 p.m. Bishop & Mrs. Scott (Sierra Leone) at C.M.S. House.
- „ 13-15.—Festival of Flowers (Kingston Parish Church).
- „ 13.—10.30 a.m. Editorial Board (52, Park Road).
- „ 15.—2.30 p.m. Rectory Sunday School re-opens; Sermon at Evensong will lead up to a Discussion in church — “What do we mean by Reconciliation, and how do we make it effective in life to-day”? Light refreshments at Wayside at about 8.15 p.m.
- „ 16—21.—Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb: House-to-House Collection.

- .. 16.—6.15 p.m. Stewardship Sunday Conference (Church House, Westminster); 8.15 p.m. Properties Committee (18, St. James's Road, preceded by inspection of Wayside at 7.45 p.m.).
- .. 17.—8.15 p.m. Augmented Liturgical Committee (90, Ormond Drive or Wayside).
- .. 18.—8.00 p.m. Stewardship Committee (106, Park Road).
- .. 20-22.—Junior Council of Churches: Working Weekend at Cranleigh, re-decorating house to be used as old people's home by "Help the Aged."
- .. 21.—All-day "Mass Attack" in churchyard; 2.30 p.m. Autumn Fair (St. Mary's Hospital).
- .. 22.—9.30 a.m. Monthly Family and Parade Services begin again.
- .. 24.—8.00 p.m. Parochial Church Council (W).
- .. 27.—8.00 p.m. Meeting in the "Towards Unity" series: Dialogue on the Anglican-Methodist proposals (Methodist Church Hall, Teddington).
- .. 28.—Continuation of "Mass Attack" in churchyard.
- .. 29.—Central Sunday Schools re-open: Junior and Senior Departments at 11.00 a.m. in church, Infants' Department at 11.15 a.m. at Wayside. After Evensong, meeting for all intending Confirmation candidates in church.
- .. 30.—8.00 p.m. Ruridecanal Conference (St. Mary's Hall, Twickenham).
- Oct. 1.—10.30 a.m. — 5.00 p.m. Mothers' Union Overseas Sale (Church House, Westminster); 8.15 p.m. First meeting of the new Tuesday Club (W).
- .. 2.—11.00 a.m. — 4.30 p.m. Continuation of Overseas Sale; 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Service in church.
- .. 3.—7.15 p.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Service, followed at 8.35 p.m. by Supper and Entertainment in the Parish Hall.
- .. 6-12.—SHELTER Week: House-to-House Collection.
- .. 6.—Continuation of Harvest Festival: Services and Sunday Schools as usual; 8.0 p.m. Open Meeting at which Delegates to Edinburgh Youth Conference will speak (venue to be arranged).

BAPTISMS

On August 18:

Jeremy Douglas McIntyre, 117, Uxbridge Road.
Ian George Saunders, 26, Rectory Grove.

MARRIAGES

On August 3 (at Corseul, France):

Robert Hartley Salisbury to Yvonne Chevalier.

On August 10:

Michael John Williams to Ann Catherine Doughty.

On August 24:

Brian Alfred Sell to Marilyn Susan Brown.

BURIAL

On August 20:

Deborah Barnes, 1, Whiteley's House, Hanworth, aged 77 years.