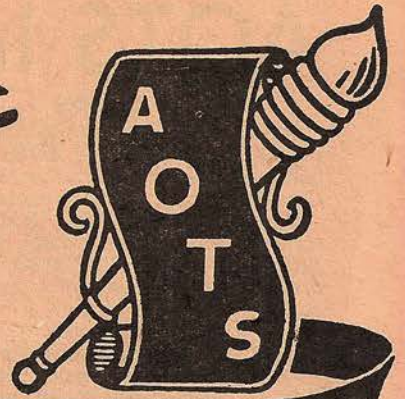




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Predict Conferences 'Best Yet'

Reunion Requires Understanding, Anglican Minister Tells BC Club

"An Apology for Anglicanism" was the arresting title of an address given by Rev. Brian Page, Rector of St. John's and St. Mary's to members of Duncan B.C. United Church AOTS Club recently.

Mr. Page explained the technical meaning of apology was "to set forth and explain a position" and that he was in no way apologizing in the ordinary usage of the word, in fact, he was proud to belong to the Anglican Church, and without making comparisons would naturally try to show it in the most favourable light.

Basis of Reunion

He believed any movement which the churches made towards church union, or more correctly re-union, must be based on a clearer understanding of what each stood for.

For this reason he elected to speak on the history and doctrine of the Anglican Church rather than church reunion.

Many people, Mr. Page said, spoke about the founding of the Church of Eng-

land by Henry VIII. This was quite wrong, Henry certainly sparked the Reformation and certainly the title of head of the church was transferred to him from the Pope. This did not make any serious difference to the beliefs and doctrines however which had come down through the centuries for as long as there was any authentic record of Christendom.

The services were changed to English instead of Latin and there were some



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other simplifications, but the old medieval churches were still used. The pari-

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Reports on AOTS summer conferences and roundups indicate registrations will be at an all-time high. Here's the list of important meetings:

LONDON CONFERENCE

Fifth annual, at Alma College, St. Thomas; August 23, 24, 25. Theme speaker, Rev. Joseph Blinco of England.

MONTREAL-OTTAWA CONFERENCE

First conference for this area, at MacDonald College, St. Anne De Bellevue, Que.; August 23, 24, 25. Theme; "Men Wanted."

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Fifth National Conference of Men of the United Church of Canada at Elgin House, Keswick, Muskoka; June 14, 15, and 16.

ONTARIO ROUNDUP

Third provincial round-up for all AOTS men of Ontario at Windwood Inn on Sparrow Lake; June 7, 8, 9; cost \$15.00.

BC AOTS ROUNDUP

At Naramata; August 31, Sept. 1, 2.

Don't forget NATIONAL CONVENTION in '58 at Saskatoon. Hope to see a member from every club in Canada there.

YOUR Service

Every district and club across Canada should set up the necessary committee to plan for the Laymen's Sunday service. Approach the Committee of Elders in your church and ask what part your club may take in the Lay Sunday service.

Material will be available in the near future from head office in Toronto, if speakers from your club or district would care to use them as a guide or as a complete service.

THE THEME: "MY FATHER'S BUSINESS".

Patience, Please

Due to the limited number of applications for film strips it was necessary to revise the price of structure as originally quoted. A committee is presently making up a running commentary to include with the films instead of a record as originally planned and all clubs, district councils etc. who have requested a set of the film will be contacted as soon as the commentary is completed.

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YUKON

WHITEHORSE—Due to the changing population, Whitehorse AOTS finds difficulty in maintaining members but at the time of writing have 25 members.

Club projects include building furniture for the Sunday School, holding Old Timers' Night for the Indian people and creating good fellowship for new men coming into the area.

The club is presently planning and working on its second minstrel show with straight men that could compete with George Burns. Profits derived from the show will help to expand the building required for the Church.

Moral and physical support from any club down in the more thickly populated areas would be greatly appreciated.

(Ed. Note—What say? Could some of you other clubs drop a line and perhaps enclose copies of your club bulletins?)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

ESQUIMALT—Officers of the Esquimalt AOTS club were installed at a special service at the church by Alec Richardson, Duncan, president of the V.I. AOTS Council.

He was assisted by George Kimberley, secretary of the Duncan club, A number of other Duncan members attended the service.

CHEMAINUS—The Chemainus AOTS members and a number of visitors were taken on a vacation in the Wells Gray Provincial Park by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreany, Lake Cowichan.

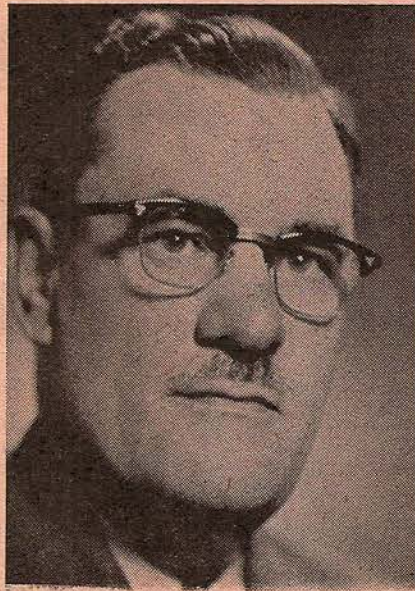
For over an hour, they watched a succession of wonderful color pictures and listened to the interesting commentary supplied by Mr. Dreany. They took unusual and beautiful pictures of flowers and trees, of waterfalls and lakes, of bears and fish, of sunsets and moonrise, and of those elusive little glimpses which are characteristic of the Dreanys.

W. Bowles introduced the Dreanys, referring to the fact that Mrs. Dreany had formerly lived in Chemainus. R. Rumble thanked them saying they had done more than entertain—"they had shared their vacation with us."

LAKE COWICHAN—Members of the Lake Cowichan AOTS, meeting at Honeymoon Bay, heard an interesting address on Africa by Lawrie Miller of Nadira Mines.

Mr. Miller's talk followed the showing of two short films on Africa by Bob Maxwell. The films provided an excellent background for the friendly informal discussion on the customs and habits of the Africans. The speaker spoke on mining in Africa and of the native labor problems. Answering a question on religion and churches, he said that the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist were the three principal denominations with the majority of the Negroes belonging to Catholic and Anglican churches. The speaker was introduced by the Rev. Bob Wallace and thanked by Norman Webb.

Frank Seed conducted the usual short devotional and Ernie Ardley presided over the business meeting. Projects for the year were outlined and will include the annual fishing derby on June 1, the annual sale of men's home cooking and



The President's Message

As the Master passed along the Sea of Galilee, he came upon some very busy fishermen carrying on their daily vocations. He challenged them with these familiar words. "Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men." Straightway they forsook their nets and followed. (Mark 1; 16, 17)

The same challenge is offered to us today and untold numbers of busy men still accept and are giving of their time and talents for the extension of the Kingdom. Yet there are many men with tremendous potential who have not yet caught this vision. It is therefore our duty as members of this great Christian service movement to reach out and bring them into the fellowship of Christ and his church.

AOTS is a crusade for men. As such it challenges us to invite all men into its fellowship put them to work in our clubs, thus offering them an opportunity to serve and by so doing they may catch the vision.

We dare not be satisfied with confining our efforts to the active membership of our congregations, but we must make a sincere effort to encourage the luke warm adherents and users of our church to join with us, thus harnessing all the manpower possible in our community.

Then and only then have we accepted HIS Challenge and become:

"FISHERS OF MEN"

the fall nut sale. Projects will all include the purchase of an organ for the United Church at Lake Cowichan.

DUNCAN—The Shawnigan-Mill Bay branch of AOTS was launched Thurs.

when 14 members were initiated and officers were elected. President is Fred Hollobon; vice-president, Gordon Rodgers; secretary, Cliff Stone; treasurer, William Kennedy. District council member will be Thomas Hobbs.

Chemainus AOTS was the sponsor and Ernie Jackson, W. Bowles and M. Samuelson initiated and installed members. Alex Richardson, Duncan, president of the Vancouver Island District Council brought greetings from the national association and spoke on national projects. Greetings from Duncan were given by Rev. F. H. Golightly and D. C. Morton, former president of the Duncan club.

CRANBROOK—The regular monthly dinner meeting of the United Church AOTS was held on Monday evening with 19 members present.

Joe Renney conducted the business session when plans were made for the men to hold a tea and bake sale at the church on the second Saturday in April.

J. Awmack, district agriculturist, gave a very informative talk with slides agriculture in East Kootenay.

SOUTH BURNABY—The regular supper meeting of South Burnaby AOTS club was held March 18 at which time the club hosted several presidents from clubs as far away as Chilliwack. The visitors were given a first hand example of the duties of a "Kingfish" as each was given the maximum fine of ten ants for infractions of the club's unwritten code.

Guest speaker Earl Topping, director of the United Church radio programs over station CKWX, gave an interesting talk on the aims and achievements of his program.

Sill Gatty presented Dave Elder as the personality of the month. Member of the month award went to Stewart Thompson in recognition of his many labors in the club, Sunday School and church.

The evening was closed with the benediction by Rev. Archie McLean.

SASKATCHEWAN

MELVILLE—The AOTS First United Church held its monthly supper meeting in the church basement on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

The highlight of the evening was a most interesting talk by Stan Hall on the business man and his hobbies, during the course of which Mr. Hall displayed to the 31 members present his collection of butterflies and other insects.

Mr. Hall's collection includes specimens from as far away as India and South America, all mounted and named.

MOOSE JAW—A successful ladies night was held by the AOTS of Grandview United Church. Rev. M. B. Banting asked the grace before the turkey supper. President John Parr led community singing and Past President Verne Johnson introduced the guest speaker, Rev. L. E. Anderson.

Rev. Anderson gave an enlightening address entitled "Uniformity, Conformity and Deformity." Chairman of the house committee, John Duffe, thanked the speaker.

KAMSACK—The regular monthly meeting of the Kamsack AOTS club was held

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in the church basement last Wednesday evening, March 28. Twenty-one members were in attendance although supper places were set for over twice that number.

The members of the Saltecoats club and visitors from Melville had arranged to sponsor this meeting, but the antics of old man winter in the month of March made this impossible.

In response to questions asked, Mr. Don Walker outlined in detail the senior housing project which is being undertaken in Kamsack this year.

The club members were also informed of the purchase and presentation of a library cart to the hospital by the AOTS.

LLOYDMINSTER—Attendance of 115 was a record-breaker at the recent dinner meeting of the AOTS club with the ladies also in attendance. President Bob Jack opened the proceedings and introduced many of the visitors.

Special speaker for the evening, Dr. Robert Schnell, D.D. of the United Church Theological College, Saskatoon, was introduced by Rev. R. R. Smith, a former classmate of Dr. Schnell. Food for thought in the doctor's address was church attendance and membership in men's club work in the church. Ken Dumouchel thanked the speaker on behalf of the gathering.

A very enjoyable musical program rounded the evening.

PRINCE ALBERT—Thirty delegates attending the annual meeting of the Prince Albert Presbytery of the United Church were guests of the regular dinner meeting of the Wesley church AOTS club held in the church parlors. Ted Jones, president of the club presided.

Highlights of the evening was the burning of the note on the AOTS parking lot, a project started two years ago by the club. The debt necessitated in building the lot has now been cleared.

Guest speaker was J. K. Diebel, superintendent of exploration for the Canadian Nickel company, who spoke on "A Geologists View of Saskatchewan's North." The talk was illustrated with many fine colored slides of the northland.

During the evening, Rev. R. K. Vickers led the 125 persons present in a sing-song, accompanied by Ian Barrie at the piano.

ALBERTA

EDSON—Nearly 100 fathers and sons mingled at the Nanton United Church basement on a recent Monday night prior to the AOTS father and son supper. President Loree welcomed the fathers and sons to the gathering.

A. E. Morrison presented a gavel to the president for the club and hoped that it would be used freely. Sheets, containing the AOTS grace and theme song were prepared by M. L. Johnson. The president thanked all persons who had assisted in the project of painting the interior of the building.

The club moved to donate \$25.00 to the Benson Jamboree fund and set up a box for further donations during the evening.

Rev. Powell gave the devotional and spoke on man obeying God's Laws in order to accomplish true fulfillment and happiness.

Under the leadership of H. Armstrong and E. Mack the entertainment then



Notes From The National Secretary

Since the first of the year we have been issuing Charters at the rate of one per week on the average. New clubs have been formed in the churches from coast to coast to the tune of 15 thus far with only the best prospects for more to come. And so our numbers increase. But what about our individual club 'effectiveness'? What have YOU done as a member of your Club in the past three months to make AOTS more effective? Have you, for example, invited one or more of your friends and neighbours to come with you to your AOTS meeting? Have you been in attendance at the committee meetings of the committee to which you belong? Can you look yourself in the eye in the mirror when you shave in the morning have a clear conscience when you consider your AOTS activities? It is the answers to these questions which really determine whether or not AOTS is growing.

If you have not already done so, NOW is the time to make your mind up to attend the next ROUND-UP Conference of men being held in your local area. To use a phrase coined by Charlie Burritt of British Columbia, that is where you will get your AOTS 'battery recharged'? Let's aim at having 10% of

followed and consisted of singsong and games. A film donated by the John Deere Company called, "Uncle Joe" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

CARDSTON—The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Chief Mountain AOTS Club was held at the Woolford United Church. Nearly all members were present and enjoyed a delicious dinner served by the Ladies' Aid.

With President Tom Boal presiding, 11 members were initiated and welcomed into the fellowship of the club. A committee was formed to discuss the possibilities of the club sponsoring an Easter concert featuring the Southminster United Church Boys' Choir from Lethbridge.

Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. V. V. Christie, a new club member who

our AOTS men in attendance at such gatherings in 1957. That's almost twice what we had last year even including our Third National Association meeting held last June. I hope each and everyone of you has a fine summer, be sure you resolve to be in attendance at the first meeting in the Fall.

Phil Spence
National Secretary

P.S. This postscript is for Club members only—OFFICERS PLEASE DO NOT READ.

Confidentially fellows, my work would be a lot easier and I could do a much better job for you, if the officers of the club would send in their officers registration from right after they are elected. As of April 1st, almost half of the Clubs still haven't let me know who their officers are. Some of the ones which did send in their cards, didn't give me any addresses, or didn't tell me how many club members there are. I am sure that the officers of your club have sent them in properly, but just to check would you ask them? I know you will do this in a nice way, and don't let them know I suggested it. Thanks.

gave an interesting history of the United Church in Cardston.

OKOTOKS—AOTS met at the Okotoks United Church with 37 members present. The meeting was preceded by a roast beef supper served by members of the evening W. A.

Harry Brown, president, conducted the meeting and the guest speaker was Mr. Louis Flaret who spoke on his experiences when a member of the famed French Foreign Legion.

Ken Lawson gave a report of the District Council meeting held recently in Calgary. This was followed by a sing-song led by Rev. Loree with Miss Balderson supplying the accompaniment.

The following chairman of committees were named: work committee, H. Stout; membership, L. W. Barrett; house, T. L. Sanderson; finance, J. Meston; program, A. Murray.

MANITOBA

TRANSCONA—The AOTS of Memorial United Church met on Tues., Mar. 12, in the church to view a film called "The Perfect Crime" dealing with cars and safe driving.

On the same night, the second in the series of leadership training classes was held with the theme being "The Bible and the Christian Religion" and Teaching as Jesus Taught."

Plans were also in the making for a box social on Saturday evening, March 16, in the church basement.

RUSSELL—Fathers and sons and adopted sons numbering 40, gathered in Knox Church basement last Friday evening when the AOTS entertained teenagers at dinner and a program. Following dinner a sing-song was held and Terry McNaughton and Dick Swicker were heard in two trumpet duets, which were well received.

Highlighting the program was a quiz contest when the group paired off and endeavored to find names of Russell citizens from clues provided. The best score was 13 out of 16.

MINNEDOSA—Minnedosa members of the AOTS came home from the western division of the annual meeting held in

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Brandon last Wednesday with most of the honors. Red Charles was elected president and Clayton Searle was elected vice-president. Newton Clark is the secretary and Jack Rutherford and Ken Burgess were appointed to special committees.

Minnedosa also holds the distinction of having the largest membership in the western division.

The local AOTS is holding its third annual pancake supper in the United Church on March 6. All the cooking and catering is done by the boys and it is understood they put out a good feed of pancakes.

Plans are at work in the club to remodel the basement of the church this year, along with a new heating unit, new Sunday School class rooms, and running water in a new kitchen.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE—After an absence of several months due to construction work in the church, the AOTS club held its first meeting of the 1957 season in the new Christian Education building on Mon., April 1, with Pres. B. Coleman and members of the Manitoba District Council in attendance. Members and guests numbered 60.

A singsong was held with Mr. Herman Prisy leading and Mr. McRae at the piano. In the absence of President E. MacKey, who was confined to the hospital, Vice-President Art Anderson was chairman for the evening.

President B. Coleman conducted a meeting of the district council.

ONTARIO

GANANOQUE—This is the year of big construction, Charles MacIntosh chief information officer on the St. Lawrence Hydro project told the AOTS at Grace Church, Tuesday evening.

Welcomed to the turkey supper by President Leslie Bowman were 15 members of the Belleville AOTS headed by their president, Taylin Franklin.

"We are only 16 months away from producing the first power" said Mr. MacIntosh, who gave a graphic description of the immensity of the project to harness the St. Lawrence between Iroquois and Cornwall. A staff of 145 men and 43 giant machines are accomplishing what it would have taken 5000 men and 3000 teams to do 35 years ago. Within the next month the Long Sault rapids will be history as work has been carried on without let-up during the winter months. This hydro development will use enough cement to make up a 1000 mile long train which would stretch from Cornwall to Fort William. The talk was illustrated with a series of colored slides. Jack Petch introduced the speaker and Ken Moulth thanked him for an interesting address on behalf of those present.

HARROW—The annual Ladies' night of the Harrow AOTS club was held in the church with 83 members and visitors present.

President Lloyd Anderson presented the club's two past presidents with past president's pins.

The speakers for the evening were Rev. and Mrs. Gualtieri, from Windsor, Ont., who recently returned from the Middle East. They gave a very interesting illustrated talk on their trip and rounded out the evening by showing a collection of souvenirs gathered during their trip.



BY THE EDITOR

"Quiet Thinking"

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

For just a few moments, let us lay aside the cares and worries of the everyday life and give consideration to the words He taught us to say on that day so many years ago and that so many people have said in silent contemplation or in the company of others.

In the everyday life that we all pursue in order to be a helpful and living part of our community life, we cannot seemingly avoid hurting or being hurt by those with whom we come in contact. As human beings, with that ever present trait of selfishness, consciously or unconsciously we add to our moral and spiritual debts.

Jesus, in His great knowledge of the people that he had been put on this earth to save, recognized a constant need for

man to turn to God because of that ever-present sin of self.

How many of us, as we commune with Our Father at the close of the day, just before retiring for our rest, truly speak from our hearts as we say our prayers? Or do we just say them from force of habit or because we have been taught to believe that it is the proper thing to do? Is it truly too much to ask of our time that we spend a few minutes thinking of our work for Him re-asserting our promise to serve.

How can we ask let alone expect to have our wrongdoings forgiven if we are not willing to extend the same benefits to others with whom we have come in contact during the past day? As one more Easter season comes and goes in our lives, let each and every one of us give some "Quiet Thinking" about "Forgiving our debtors."

HAMILTON—The charter for the first AOTS club in Hamilton was presented at a meeting held in Centenary Church gymnasium on April 8. Warren Beatty of Brantford, president of the Grand Valley District AOTS Council, presented the charter to Don Smith, president of the Centenary club. Dr. Snell Hazen of Brantford was chairman of the meeting.

Fred Sanderson of Burlington and William Eyre of Sarnia, members of the National AOTS Council, addressed the meeting and conducted the installation of officers. The charter members of the new club were inducted by Eddie Ross of Paris, vice-president of the Ontario Provincial AOTS Council.

Following a brief outline of AOTS across Canada by F. Sanderson, the new club president reported: "In our downtown location, and with responsibility for the work at the Wesley Community Centre on John Street North, our club will have lots to do. Boys' work at the Wesley Centre will be one of our major concerns. Every member will be required to work on an active committee. We're after the man who moves on the outer fringe of church membership, the fellow for whom the usual type church group does not hold any attraction. AOTS offers an opportunity for a good time in a greater cause."

NORTH BAY—The ladies are still talking about the wonderful way they were entertained by the AOTS clubs of St. Andrew's and Trinity United Churches recently at the Golden Dragon. Corsages were presented to the ladies at the door.

There were 110 couples at dinner, during which Wilfred Brown, president of

Trinity AOTS, was master of ceremonies. Mr. and Mrs. Brown acted as hosts for the evening.

Jack Cullen was guest speaker and he outlined the history and functions of AOTS. A variety program followed.

Entertainment consisted of piano duets, ballet and tap dance songs, Scottish dances and male quartet. The evening was concluded with dancing to Chadburn's Orchestra.

HAILEYBURY—At a regular meeting of the United Church AOTS, the following officers were elected for the current year: President, John Valentine; vice-president, Lloyd Childs; secretary, Alex MacLean; treasurer, A. W. Sanderson. Devotion committee, Gordon Kirk; membership, Bob McGill; projects, Clarence Tyson; house and meals, Keith Valentine.

SARNIA—H. Lawrence Turner, provincial vice-president of AOTS for Ontario, was guest speaker at a combined dinner meeting of Central United Church AOTS groups held at Burns United church this week.

After speaking on the rapid growth of AOTS across Canada, Mr. Turner, presented past president's pins to John Stephenson, Jack Cleave and Ken Leckie of Central United.

Chairman for the meeting was W. Dawson. The devotional period was in charge of Ken Radcliff, president of Central United club, and Ken Eyre led the singing.

A novel idea of entertainment was introduced in the form of a take-off of the program, "This is Your Life," with the victim being William Eyre. Various high-

Officers Should Share Ideas At District Council Meetings

Fellowship within your club is essential for a successful AOTS program. Beyond the club level, fellowship is perhaps more essential. This is one of the principal functions of the District Council. If you are a club officer do you realize that you should be attending your District Council regularly? Page 15, section 4 of the new Constitution specifically mentions that ALL club officers within a district are members of the District Council.

At each District Council meeting opportunity should be given to each club to report on successful programs and projects. This is one of the best methods

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lights of his life in the past few years in AOTS work were spotlighted for the gathering. Mr. Eyre was presented with a table in appreciation of his efforts by the chairman of the evening.

NORTH BAY—Life in Russia was reviewed by J. W. McNutt for members of the AOTS Club Immanuel United Church at a recent dinner meeting.

Mr. McNutt gave an interesting account of his trip to Russia and showed two movies of the Russian lumber industry, with side glances at the social life of the people.

The speaker answered many questions asked by the members present.

The turkey dinner was followed by an Irish sing-song led by Bill Taylor in true Irish fashion.

BRANTFORD—About 65 members were in attendance at the monthly meeting of Wesley AOTS on Thursday evening. Mr. Leo L. Mullen of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario gave an interesting talk on the development of the St. Lawrence Seaway, including the building of new power stations.

Mr. Mullen also showed up-to-date slides on the construction of the seaway. Following the talk, there was a very interesting question and answer period. Mr. Mullen was introduced by J. H. Turvey, and thanked by Sven Vallentine. The meeting was chaired by the president, Mr. R. McDonald.

BLLENHEIM—Dr. Jim Guest, London, president of the London District AOTS council, delivered an inspiring address on Monday night when he spoke to members of the Blenheim AOTS club on the theme, "In The Service." Dr. Guest stated "We all stand up in church and sing Onward Christian Soldiers but it has always been the women's division which has done most of the work in the church's army—at least until the last few years."

"Now we find an increasing number of men who are realizing their responsibility in service of the church. The remarkable growth of AOTS is an indication of this." He urged his listeners to see every decision through the eyes of our Christian faith.

Treasurer Oscar Bell reported receipts of \$348.11 from Warick Night and \$46.51 from the congregational supper served

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of helping one another carry on interesting meetings. Are you helping your neighboring club by passing on this information?

And Council officers, what are you doing to help those clubs in your district who are too far away to attend regular Council meetings, or who seem to have lost interest? Charlie Burritt, national vice-president for B.C., suggests councils set up a program for training officers to go out and help clubs having difficulty. Charlie calls it battery charging. I like that expression. This is a good job for past presidents of clubs. You past presidents, are you still as enthusiastic or are you just coasting? Let's be battery chargers, not battery drainers.

Fred. D. Saunderson

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Urges Understanding Of Anglican Faith

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shes, the financial arrangements and formation and certainly the title of head services were much the same. The greatest change was the removal of most of the power of the monasteries by the King.

The Anglican Church claimed, the rector said, to be both Catholic and Protestant, or better still, Catholic and Reformed, choosing the "via media" or middle way.

He spoke of the English character of the church, with both the "vices and virtues" of the English. "We are thought to be rather fond of compromise, but really it is not compromise, but a comprehension of both points of view."

Beliefs, Practices

Turning to the beliefs and practices of his church, the speaker explained the bond which the Book of Common Prayer made among the people of the Anglican Communion. He outlined briefly what this book contained and how much of it was directly taken from the scriptures.

He said that any Anglican clergyman, by following the instruction laid down, would read the whole New Testament twice a year and with certain obvious exceptions, the whole of the Old Testament once a year.

He explained how the prayer book had been regularly revised, but still fundamentally remained the same.

He spoke of the sacrament of baptism and its meaning, of the completion of the process of forgiveness by confirmation, and of sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Loosely Knit

Referring to the growth and development of the church, he likened it to the British Commonwealth of Nations, loose-

Alec Richardson

**President
Vancouver Island
District Council**

Alec Richardson, Duncan B.C., president of the Vancouver Island District Council, was killed in an airplane crash on Monday, April 29.

Alec was one of our most active District Presidents and in all his work both for the church and community he really was "As One That Serves."

Our sincere sympathy goes to his wife, family, members of the District Council and his many friends.

ly knit together by a common bond. The church was started as soon as Christianity came to England and it was taken with each successive group of settlers who went to new countries.

Naturally the various overseas communities began to rule their own affairs. At the time of the Declaration of Independence the American churches cut away but were still bound by the book of Common Prayer.

Mr. Page said that on the last set of figures he had been able to obtain, there were 320 dioceses, of which 251 were outside of Britain. There were probably 30 million Anglicans in the world.

Working Together

He thought that animosity between factions of the church described as "high and low" was gone and that the parts of the church were now drawn closely together.

In conclusion, he noted: "There are many points of difference between us. There is no simple, quick easy way to re-union. I wish there was. But we do all serve the same Lord, we have many fundamental things in common, so that though we may not easily worship together we can certainly work together in social service, bringing our Christian opinion on some aspects of social service in our own local community. There are things needed for which we might work together."

For Senior Citizens

Mr. Page was introduced by Don Morton, who mentioned the need for senior citizens' accommodation in the district, which he said was being strongly advocated by Mr. Page.

Austin MacTaggart thanked him for his "excellent interpretation of Anglicanism."

Our Duty: To Spread Our Faith

Any man who has a religion is bound to do one of two things with it: change it or spread it. If it isn't true, he must give it up. If it is true, he must give it away. This is not the duty of ministers only. Religion is not an affair of a profession or of a caste. It is the business of every common man. There is no proxy religion. Each man has his own. If he hasn't, he has none. No other man can have it for him. And if he has his own, then he must propagate it, if it is true or repudiate it, if it is false.

The idea that the world or any one land is to be evangelized by one section of the Christian body is preposterous for many reasons; chiefly because a faith that does not make every possessor eager to propagate it is not worth propagating, and will not be received by any people to whom it is offered. The religion that would spread among men must be offered by man to man, and its power must be seen in dominating the lives of all its adherents and making them eager for its dissemination. This is essential as a testimonial of worth.

A Minister's Place

The minister is to be simply colonel of the regiment. The real fighting is to be done by the men in the ranks who carry the guns. No idea could be more non-Christian or more irrational than

that the religious colonel is engaged to do the fighting for his men, while they sit at ease. And yet, perhaps, there is one idea current which is more absurd still. That is, that there is to be no fighting at all, but that the colonel is paid to spend his time solacing his regiment, or giving it gentle, educative instruction, not destined ever to result in any downright, manly effort on the part of the whole regiment or to anything against the enemy.

The Work Of Laymen

Laymen are bound to propagate their religion by speaking about it, by preaching it, in fact. Telling men the Gospel, explaining what Christ can be to a man, is preaching, as scriptural as any preaching can be made. It makes no difference if it is done haltingly. A broken testimony to a friend may be more effective than a smooth and conclusive Sunday morning sermon. The true ideal of Christian evangelism is

the propagation of Christianity, not by public preaching so much as by private conversation and the testimony of common men.

The Witness Of Home Life

And no religious propaganda is likely to accomplish much that does not spring from and rest upon, a family life, visibly influenced by religion. If men talk about Christianity to their fellows and have religionless homes, or homes marked by unkindness, harshness, distrust, their talk is as sounding brass and clanging cymbals. The home is the test of religion. And the best fountain and corroboration of religious testimony is the Christian home, where the family has its altar, and prays and worships as a family, openly and unitedly, before the Father after whom it is named. When all our homes are evidently filled with the Spirit of Christ, then the Gospel will spread as it will never spread from Church or Chapel.

Saskatchewan Club's Panel Discusses Church Union

On a recent Wednesday evening in the United Church at Birch Hills, Sask., the AOTS club sponsored a panel discussion on "Union with the Anglican Church." This topic certainly is in the news today, for much has been published on the subject from the United and Anglican churches, and committees from the two denominational bodies are investigating the problems which stand in the way to eventual organic union.

Chairman of the panel was Joe Brown and two laymen from each church presented different approaches to the problems of union. Ed. Cook examined the doctrine of the two bodies. Chester Botham brought out implications of union on the part of the laity. Bert Quale compared and contrasted the two forms of government. Andy Haig who pinch-hit

for the second Anglican layman mentioned training of the ministry of both churches, and problems of salary and pension.

It was pointed out that while the United Church followed one creed, its twenty articles, interpretation of that creed had been vague, and were not as clearly set forth as the Anglican faith, based on the 30 articles. This was perhaps due to the difference in historic background of the churches.

The United Church followed the presbyterial system of government, and the Episcopalian, and it was discovered that both were representative (of the laity) and therefore not incompatible.

The chief problems from the Anglican point of view appear to be:

1. The clergymen should be ordained by a bishop and not by fellow-ministers, or those especially appointed to ordain.
2. The ritual of the Sacrament of the Lord's supper.

The United Church would take issue on both these counts, as it has definite arguments both on the question of Ordination and Communion. It would also like to investigate further the office and duties of the Anglican Bishop and his relationship to the laity and to his fellow ministers. Of the three sections which make up the Anglican Church, the middle and low churches would possibly unite but the high church would hold back.

Rev. W. B. Harper gave encouragement to the questions of eventual union when he said that in South India and Ceylon today, church union had been accomplished with denominational problems similar to those facing the United and Anglican faiths in Canada.

The panel was keenly enjoyed by all members and proof of this was evidenced in the fact that the members sat for three hours listening and asking questions.

AOTS In Action

by the men. President Jack Kerr presided at the meeting and Jim Vessie conducted the worship period. Dr. Guest was introduced by W. I. Shillington and thanked by George James.

QUEBEC

MONTREAL—March 6 marked a new high in dinner meetings of Valois AOTS. The speaker for the evening was Michael Marsden, M.Sc. of the Dept. of Geography, McGill University.

Mr. Marsden spoke on a subject of which he is fully conversant, "The Arctic." Setting a background of history dating from 1560, the names of Hudson, Churchill, Hearn, Stephensen, Sir John Franklin, McKenzie and McKlinton took in a new meaning for the audience. The Northwest Passage, Coronation Gulf, Ellesmere Island, Contwato Lake, King William Island, Perry River Bathurst Inlet became familiar places under the enthusiastic guidance of the speaker. Permafrost, depth of snows, mineral deposits, glacier weather, all were briefly examined.

The spontaneous reaction by the audience when Mr. Marsden finished his talk left no doubt as to its appreciation.

Recipe for a well-spent evening: a good supper, 1 part speaker, 1 part interesting subject garnished with a singing quartette.

MONTREAL—The regular monthly meeting of the Cedar United Park United Church men's Association, had as their speaker Mayor John Pratt of Dorval whose topic was centred around the Lakeshore and its problems.

Forty members enjoyed a very enlightening talk about things right around home and to which their minds never seemed to turn.



WORTH CONSIDERATION

There is a book in print at the present time costing only 35¢ per copy entitled "The Daily Companion." This book gives enough material for a year of planned reading through the Bible with comment or question for each day. The book would be very helpful in personal or family worship study.

Copies may be purchased from the United Church Publishing House in Toronto.