

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, BOSTON, MASS., JUNE 5

While holding military might essential to the victory of allied nations over the anti-Christ claims of injustice and intolerance, The Christian Science Board of Directors today told the annual meeting of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, that freedom is essentially a spiritual gift "to be realized only through spiritual understanding and attainment."

Before an audience of several thousand Christian Scientists, essentially local in character due to wartime restrictions upon transportation, the Directors cited the universal determination to win the peace as advance evidence of a world-wide realization that "righteous victory under arms

will not suffice to guarantee freedom to mankind."

Freedom from want and fear, freedom in worship and speech, the Directors stated, constitute much more than a political slogan or governmental ideology. "For our great Way-shower, Christ Jesus, proclaimed centuries ago that freedom accords with God's will and law; furthermore, he gave simple, clear direction for the attainment of full freedom for the individual, and through the individual for all humanity."

"In other words, although it is desirable, yes, it is necessary, that the allied nations win the war against the anti-Christ claims of human will and personal domination, of greed, cruelty, injustice and intolerance, yet that righteous

victory under arms will not suffice to guarantee freedom to mankind." That the world is coming to realize this fact was seen by the Directors in the various manifestations being given throughout the world to winning the peace, "that is, making world peace so secure that other wars will be precluded, even in the everyday lives. Let us see that the triumph of Truth over error with us is a sure sign that the victory of good over evil is assured, and that 'the kingdom of God is at hand'."

The Directors' statement highlighted reports to the third annual meeting of The Mother Church held under wartime conditions which cited increasing evidence of church growth and activity and unprecedented demands for the works of Mary Baker Eddy and The Christian Science Monitor. Sales of Mrs. Eddy's works were reported to have risen twice the volume of the last pre-war year, indicating the increasing desire for spiritual progress in the wartime emergency.

At the same time, transportation problems and material shortages were reported to have surrounded by The Christian Science Publishing Society and The Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Two hundred thousand periodicals were estimated to have been delivered and received by Reading Rooms in Great Britain with only seven pieces lost in transit, and occasional copies of Christian Science literature were said to have found their way into some countries of occupied Europe.

Announcement was made by the Directors of the appointment of Paul Stark Seeley, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, as President of The Mother Church for the ensuing year, succeeding Mrs. Daisette D. S. McKenzie.

Paul Stark Seeley, Associate Editor of the Christian Science periodicals, other than The Christian Science Monitor, a native of Poughkeepsie, New York, became a member of the Christian Church while a student at Harvard Law School. He holds the degrees of A.B. from Princeton and LL.B. from Harvard. He served as Committee on Publication for Oregon and then entered the public practice of Christian Science. He resigned as First Reader of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Portland, Oregon to accept appointment on the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, on which Board he served until elected Associate Editor in 1942. In 1919 Mr. Seeley received instruction in the Normal Class of the Board of Education of The Mother Church, and since then has taught yearly a Primary Class in Christian Science in Portland, Oregon.

Tracing the growth of the Christian Science movement from the time of the erection of the original edifice of The Mother Church, 50 years next December, to the present day, the new President revealed an increase in the number of branch Christian Science churches from less than 100 a half century ago, located in two countries, to nearly 2,900 today located in 54 countries.

"The problems we face are great, but God is greater, far

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Young people have a love of the mysterious. Maybe it is to them "escape" reading. Recently there have been a number of approved mysteries for young people. These attempt to satisfy the craving for mystery without containing the gruesome characteristics of some of the adult mysteries.

The following are three of these recommended Junior Mysteries: **Skyfighter**—Howard M. Brier. Barry Martin flies again. The silver wings of a giant Starwing freight plane carry him far into the Arctic regions of northern Canada where adventure and excitement await him on the frozen wastes that border Great Bear Lake.

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greater. The new President affirmed. "His hold upon the universe is not shaken. The idea with which every one of humanity's problems, individual or collective, will be solved existed before the problem appeared, for as the prophet assures us, 'that which is to be hath already been.' We fear no problems at home or abroad. As the children of almighty God we accept their challenge as a demand that we use more confidently the power of all-knowing Mind which is ever at hand to reveal every step of the way out of the thralldom of earth into the freedom of God's heaven."

Reports from the field and from the various departments of the Christian Science movement indicated a sharp turn to religion as the mainstay of a war-torn world. Surmounting of serious wartime problems in transportation added a dramatic touch to the report of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship. At one time, Army authorities sent a special airplane on a 400-mile trip to enable a Christian Science lecturer to speak to members of the armed forces, the report stated. Two lecturers, instead of the usual one, were sent into Mexico during the last year, and for the first time in five years, American members of the Board were able to deliver lectures to Great Britain.

Regardless of the German blockade of Europe, copies of Christian Science periodicals were reported by the Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy to be finding their way into Switzerland.

Despite the emergency rationing of paper and other wartime restrictions, the Trustees of The Christian Science Publishing Society revealed the largest circulation ever attained by the leading

fast-moving story of present-day aviation.

Anything Can Happen On The River!—Carol Rylie Brink. Jacques' inheritance was two rusty keys and the memory of the family's lost barge. LaBelle Gaudet, he came to Paris to make his way in the world, dreaming of finding that barge and making his fortune as a riverman.

His one letter took him to a great character, the gay, kind owner of a boat yard. There his first job sent him off with "Lulu" to do a new motor boat. "The elephant and the mosquito," the boatman called these odd companions, but Jacques didn't care. He was with a real riverman. Up the Seine they went, amid fascinating river traffic, through the locks. The Psyche was stolen. The owner swooped down by airplane. Jacques and Lulu lost their jobs. Now the story has begun. In a thrilling climax they rescue the Psyche. But we must not tell you about the lost barge, the two old keys, or about Janine and her friends who had an exciting part in this river adventure.

Boys and girls alike will enjoy this eventful travel story set on the romantic Seine, giving a vivid picture of a part of France beloved by all travelers.

Mystery Off Pirate's Point—Leda Wadsworth. The Lawrence twins—Steve and Tony—had come to the Point every summer that they could remember. "Nothing ever happens here," Steve had said once, disgustingly. But this summer was different. In the first place, the Cupola, that large, usually deserted house, had been rented — to Professor Hilyard and his daughter, Pat. Then the torbats sped mysteriously into the Cove in a dead of night without running lights. And Steve broke his leg and Tony had to print the

Christian Science periodicals, and Bible sales were twice those of 1942. This progress was made possible under paper allotments by reducing the basic weight of paper with no reduction in reading matter, excepting that of The Christian Science Monitor.

In the report of the Manager of Committees on Publication, a warning was sounded that as public opinion became more socially minded, a growing number of legislative bills providing for sick-ness or disability insurance poses a real threat to the growth of our religion.

Unintentionally, no doubt, but nevertheless certainly, the report made it clear that legislation of the type described would, if passed, curtail the freedom of Christian Science practice and thus encroach upon one of the four basic freedoms, the freedom of worship. It was disclosed that 13 of the Christian Science Army Chaplains are now stationed overseas, and that one of these chaplains has been honored with the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct and courage under fire, which was an inspiration to the entire command. His report further pointed out that splendid spiritual healing is being accomplished by all of the chaplains.

The report of the Camp Welfare Activities showed that 2,000 War Relief Committees in Christian Science branch churches and societies in the United States and Canada are sending clothing to Great Britain, Russia, Malta and Greece, and that 145 Wartime Officiating Ministers are at work in the field for the movement, along with 425 volunteer Christian Science Wartime Workers.

weekly newspaper his brother had founded, although he himself had little interest in the Log. The annual claim of Pirate's Point is broken by a series of events in which Tony and Pat find themselves involved — a burglary, a theft, a series of mysterious advertisements, and an adventure on the high seas. Mystery Off Pirate's Point is not only a thrilling story of an excitement-packed summer off the west coast of America, but also the story of a young boy who finally found what he wanted.

Mr. Fred Mger of Toledo, Ohio spent last week with his daughter, Mrs. Mark Daines and family.

Mrs. Walter Coon has returned from Annapolis, Maryland where she attended June Week and also a navy wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westfall and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. Auten's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Auten of Plymouth.

Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Saley of Northville, Mrs. J. L. Nelson, Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Myron of Plymouth were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Johnson.

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