

that the padres of this denomination or that are not the Church. Any defect which may be charged against the Church must be placed to the account of the laity as well as the Clergy. It is not the function of the Church by direct corporate action to bring about the reduction of armaments, for instance. At best this is but dealing with a symptom of a deep-seated disease—the war spirit, which may find channels of hostile activity which do not involve the use of arms.

**Finance and Unemployment.**—Similarly, in the field of finance in which our troubles of depression and unemployment lie. We may feel deeply that drastic reforms are due in the rules under which the grim game of finance is played; but it is not the Church's function to draft these changes. A consistent Christian may be conscientiously convinced that at present the maintenance of armaments is necessary; and no one is authorised to speak in such a way as may seem to equate sound Christianity with the acceptance of some attractive theory for removing all our financial woes by a change in the source of credit. Such schemes, again touch only the externals of the disease. And yet all these things are emphatically the concern of the Church; it is her duty to probe the source of the trouble, and to seek a remedy; and we must, with shame, admit that the Church's failure is in large measure at the root of all the trouble. The first demand made by Our Lord upon a would-be disciple is that he shall deny himself. This self-denial claims no rights for the Christian, but ever recognises his responsibility to his brother man—such is the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount and of the whole New Testament. But this primary Christian virtue has long been dormant, and now largely fails to affect our national, our civic, and even our personal lives. Acquisitiveness, rather than self-denial, is obviously the motive of much of our conduct. Material wealth has become the dominant measure of value, and hence springs every form of unhealthy rivalry. Friendly emulation may be a valuable spur to industry, but under modern conditions business competition has transformed much of our industry into a soul-less and soul-destroying machine. As far

as we can judge, greed and national pride are the sole causes of the present war. The relentless pursuit of wealth—of money—is the main factor in the impasse which we have reached in the financial field the affirmation of the Christian principle of self-denial will operate in all fields—and this is the Church's paramount duty. It is an interesting reflection that no word of Our Saviour or of His Apostles is recorded in condemnation of slavery; but ultimately adherence to Christian principles made slavery repugnant to the Christian conscience, and it was abandoned. It is not too much to hope that similarly if we return to our allegiance the time may come, and may not be far distant, when the Christian conscience will refuse longer to tolerate the crime of war, and will repudiate the unequal distribution of the fruits of the earth, and of the results of labour. It is for this consummation that we must work and pray; we must practice and propagate the denial of self. I am not without hope for the future; but it is folly to shut our eyes to the fact that if these ends are not obtained by Christian means attempts will not long be delayed to achieve them apart from Christ. It is the Church's opportunity—may she not betray Her Lord.

I pray that God will direct our deliberations now and at all times to the furtherance of His work and the Glory of His Holy Name.

### S. JOHN'S COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

Notice is hereby given that applications for Scholarships and Exhibitions at the above College for the year 1936 will be received by the Trustees up to 25th November next.

The Scholarships are of two classes, viz.:

- (a) University Scholarships.
- (b) Theological Scholarships.

The University Scholarships are open to applicants who intend to study for a Degree with a view to Holy Orders, and will be of an amount sufficient to cover College Fees (S. John's), University Fees for subjects approved by the Board, expenses of transit to, and necessary meals at the University.

The Theological Scholarships will be of an amount sufficient to cover

College Fees (S. John's) and Grades Examination Fees.

The Exhibitions will be of the annual value of £50, and will be awarded to Theological Students who are not able to qualify for a Scholarship.

The number of Scholarships and Exhibitions to be offered will be determined by the Board.

Prospectus and Form of Application may be obtained from—

The Secretary,

S. John's College Trust Board,  
P.O. Box 652,  
AUCKLAND.

### TAURANGA PARISH CHURCH. DIAMOND JUBILEE.

On November 14th, 1875, Holy Trinity Church, Tauranga, was consecrated.

Diamond Jubilee celebrations will be held from Thursday, November 14th, to Sunday, November 24th.

On the first Thursday there will be an Opening Service with special music by the choir, and a social afterwards in the Parish Hall. On Sunday, the 17th, the special preacher will be the Rev. Canon E. D. Rice. During the week, there will be a Men's Evening on Tuesday, a Garden Party on Wednesday, and a Young People's Evening on Thursday. Sunday, the 24th, will be a Day of Thanksgiving, and special Thanks-offerings will be presented. The preacher at 11 o'clock will be the Rev. E. M. E. Te Tikao, and at Evensong the preacher will be the Rev. R. Hodgson, Vicar of Rotorua. After the Early Celebration the annual Communicants' Breakfast will be held.

A very warm invitation is extended to all ex-parishioners to be present at the celebrations.

### THE SYNOD.

Synod concluded in almost record time, when the Session ended on Monday evening, after a sitting of only three days. There were some important questions discussed, and, for the benefit of readers, we reprint the reports of some of the debate. The Synod was notable for the number of "full-dress" debates, very interesting speeches being made by clergy and laity on various subjects. The laymen were surprisingly vocal this year, and a mere spectator must have been