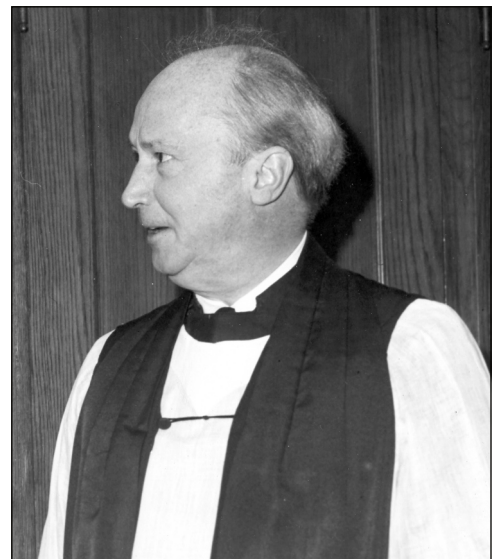


This Week in Eden History

February 15 | William Scarlett, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

On Wednesday, **Feb. 15, 1933**, the **Right Rev. William Scarlett** preached at Eden's evening chapel service on the topic "What Kind of World Do We Want?" Scarlett (1883–1973) was elected Bishop Coadjutor (Bishop Elect) of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri in 1930 and served as Bishop of the diocese from 1933 to 1952. During his career, he established the Episcopal City Mission, founded the St. Louis Chapter of the Conference of Christians and Jews, sat on the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union, and was president of the Urban League of St. Louis. Scarlett advocated for the equal rights of African Americans long before the issue was taken up by the institutional church.



*Bishop William Scarlett**

Eden's invitation to Scarlett to preach was illustrative of the seminary's engagement in ecumenical dialogue, civil rights and social justice issues.

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