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1. What do you consider to be the specific Christian idea of Priesthood?
2. What was the teaching of our Lord Himself -
 - (a) as to the Priestly idea,
 - (b) as to His own Priesthood,
 - (c) as to any perpetuation and transmission of these in His Church?
3. What was the Apostolic teaching as to the Priesthood of Christ's people?
4. Does the idea of Priesthood applied to the Church reside in the whole Body collectively or in the whole Body ideally, or in individual members of the Body?
5. Can there be any delegation of the functions of this Priesthood? And if so, how does it affect (a) those to whom the functions are delegated, and (b) those to whom they are not delegated?
6. What is the fundamental signification of the Laying on of Hands? Does it involve Transmission? And if so, what is transmitted?
7. How far is the Early Church to be determinative to day of the questions discussed under the above heads, and what are the limits which we ought assign to the determinate period?
8. What "Priestly functions", if any, are there in addition to those of celebrating the Eucharist and pronouncing Absolution?
9. To what extent is it (a) theoretically possible and (b) practically desirable to differentiate between the sacerdotal and the prophetic functions?
10. To what extent is it (a) theoretically possible and (b) practically desirable to differentiate between the sacerdotal and the ministerial functions?
11. What bearing, if any has the consideration of Church discipline upon the preceding question?
12. Is the modern deaconess a deacon who happens to be a woman, or is she in a different genus from a man deacon? If the latter, is the difference accidental or essential?

It has been suggested that the conference might prove of greater positive value, if it were preceded (on the evening of September 17th) by a discussion of certain definite questions, a provisional copy of which I herewith enclose. Members of the conference are invited to work out answers to any or all of the questions, and to send them to me in as concise a form as possible by Sept. 1st. (1944) It is intended that the answers should be tabulated, and if necessary, abbreviated, and a copy sent to each member by Sept. 10th. Most of the questions are adapted from a series circulated by Dr. Sanday in preparation for a conference of Churchmen and Non-conformists held at Oxford in 1899. (The report of this conference is obtainable in book form from Messrs Longman, Green & Co.).

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