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Miss Martha Breitenfeldt.



Miss Adeline Harms.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATED LUTHERAN CHARITIES WITHIN THE SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

at St. Louis, Mo., October 12—14.

Sunny, blue skies, a pervading spirit of joyous festivity, glad welcoming smiles at meeting old friends and coworkers again, featured the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Lutheran Charities Convention held in the good old town of St. Louis, "the mother-in-law" of many of our pastors.

The conference consists of 13 city missions, 18 hospitals, 10 home-finding societies, 8 orphanages, 3 educational institutions, 9 old people's homes, 3 European institutions, and 4 deaconess schools. Between 75 and 80 delegates and many guests were present to celebrate the Conference's Silver Jubilee and magnify God's wonderful and fostering blessings upon it.

The memorable convention held its sessions at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rev. L. Buchheimer, pastor. The event was ushered in on Monday, October 11, by a meeting of representative nurses from our various Lutheran hospitals, which was held at Redeemer Hall, where they founded the National Lutheran Nurses' League of North America. We hail

this new organization with the fervent prayer that God may further it in every way in its purposes to keep in touch with our Lutheran nurses all over the country, and especially to safeguard our isolated nurses from joining other nurses' guilds and leaving their Lutheran Church.

On Tuesday morning, October 12, the opening of the Associated Charities' first session took place after a brief liturgical service conducted by Rev. L. Buchheimer. Speeches of welcome were held by Mr. L. H. Waltke, chairman of the local arrangement committee, by President Rev. R. Kretzschmar in behalf of the Western District, and Rev. L. Buchheimer. Then the venerable presiding officer of the association, Rev. P. Wambsganss, of Fort Wayne, surprised all present by his inspiring address on Paul's words, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me"; for the address was delivered fluently, in the finest of English. Rev. J. H. Witte, of Chicago, gave a historical sketch of the Associated Charities' past twenty-five years and Rev. Foelber, of

Fort Wayne, one on the centennial of City Mission work, which was started by a Mr. Nasmith just one hundred years ago at Glasgow, Scotland. In the afternoon there was a very instructive paper on "How Our Young People can Serve the Inner-mission Work," by Rev. E. Umbach, secretary of the Hospice Work of the Walther League. Then followed the various group meetings, and in the evening Holy Cross Lutheran Church was filled to capacity with delegates, guests, and friends who had come to witness the graduating exercises of nurses graduating this year from our Lutheran Hospital Training-school at St. Louis. Pastor R. Jesse delivered a rousing sermon, which we hope will be printed in the proceedings of the convention. The inspiring service reached its climax when Miss Gertrude Simon, one of the graduating nurses, was commissioned as a medical missionary to far-off China by Prof. M. Sommer. On Wednesday, sessions were marked by the excellent address on Metropolitan Mission-work, delivered by Rev. Gallman, New York, and an earnest appeal for our Deaf-mute Institute at Detroit by Rev. E. Fackler. In the afternoon the paper "The Soul of Charity Is Charity for the Soul," by Rev. R. Meyer, of St. Louis, inspired all hearts. The election of officers, which now followed, resulted in making Rev. Ph. Wambsganss again president; Rev. J. Witte, first vice-president; Rev. E. Duemling, second vice-president, who gave us a very instructive paper on pastoral care for the insane; Mr. Aug. Freese, of Fort Wayne, treasurer.

In the evening Redeemer Church was filled by an appreciative audience, which listened with rapt attention to Rev. H. Wind's conference sermon on Col. 3, 23, 24. The impressive sermon will be published in the proceedings of the convention.

In Thursday's session we heard a fine address by Mr. L. H. Waltke on "The Best Way of Raising Funds for Our Charities," a paper on "The Proper Method of Keeping Records," by Miss Bremermann, of Chicago, and the conclusion of the report of the Buffalo Committee on "The Advancement of Our Organization." In the afternoon an automobile tour was given the delegates through the city and out to the new Seminary, where they were welcomed by Dean Fritz and shown through the beautiful buildings.

At 7.30 about 350 delegates and guests sat down to the jubilee dinner, served at the Buckingham Hotel by the Lutheran Ladies' Mission Aid Society, which was celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the attending members and guests were royally feasted with dinner and supper by the Lutheran Hospital, the Lutheran Altenheim, and the Lutheran Orphans' Home Ladies' Aids.

On Wednesday evening Rev. H. Gallman, of New York, spoke over KFUE on our work, and we hope many of our readers listened in.

Friday morning about twenty-five Lutheran woman workers gathered at Redeemer Hall to organize the Lutheran Woman Workers' As-

sociation within the Synodical Conference. Mrs. A. Vellner was elected president; Miss Menard, of Buffalo, secretary; Miss Bishop, of Cleveland, treasurer.

The proceedings of the convention will be published by the association, and the booklet can be bought for 25 cents by addressing Rev. J. H. Witte, 1439 Melville Place, Chicago, Ill. He can also be addressed for the paper *Good News* published by the association; 35 cents per annum. F. W. H.

INSTALLATION AT BEAVER DAM.

On Sunday, September 26, two graduates of our Deaconess Training-school were installed as deaconesses: Miss Adeline Harms, of Cologne, Minn., and Miss Martha Breitenfeldt, of Wausau, Wis. The service was held in St. Stephen's Church, of which Rev. L. Kirst is pastor. The German sermon was based on the Epistle-lesson for that Sunday, the 17th after Trinity, which speaks of various Christian virtues. The speaker, Pastor Philip Wambsganss, president of our Deaconess Association, in addressing the graduates, emphasized in particular the virtue of humility. The English sermon was delivered by the superintendent of the association, Pastor B. Poch, who based his remarks on Gen. 12, 1, 2. He called particular attention to the words of admonition and comfort: "I will bless thee, and thou shalt be a blessing." Even as Abraham of old proved himself a blessing to others, not only by helping them in a material way, but, above all things, by speaking to them of the coming Messiah, we, too, are to be a blessing to our fellow-men by caring both for their temporal and their spiritual welfare.

Installationsrede über Eph. 4, 1. 2.

Gehalten zu Beaver Dam, Wis., am 26. September 1926 von P. Ph. Wambsganss.

„Rühmet, ihr Menschen, den hohen Namen Des, der so große Wunder tut! Alles, was Odem hat, rufe Amen! Und bringe Lob mit frohem Mut! Ihr Kinder Gottes, lobt und preist Vater und Sohn und Heil'gen Geist! Halleluja!" Gnade, Barmherzigkeit und Friede von Gott, unserm Vater, und dem Herrn Jesu Christo! Amen.

Geliebte Christen! Wir haben uns heute abend hier versammelt, um die Installation zweier Diaconissen der hiesigen Lutherischen Diaconissenschule zu feiern. Es ist mir der Auftrag geworden, bei dieser Gelegenheit die Installationsrede zu halten. Das fällt mir nun insofern nicht schwer, als der heutige Sonntag, der siebzehnte Sonntag nach Trinitatis, mit seiner Epistel und mit seinem Evangelium, mir nicht nur einen passenden Text, sondern auch die passenden Gedanken an die Hand gibt. Der Text ist enthalten in der Sonntags-epistel und lautet in den Anfangsversen: „So ermahne nun euch ich Gefangener in dem Herrn, daß ihr wandelt, wie sich's gebührt eurem Beruf, darinnen ihr berufen seid, mit aller Demut!" Die Gedanken, die ich aus diesem Text, unterstützt durch das heutige Evangelium, nehme, konzentrieren sich auf das Thema:

Demut die Haupteigenschaft einer Lutherischen Diakonissin.

Der liebe Gott aber gebe mir zum verständlichen Reden und euch zum andächtigen Hören seines Heiligen Geistes gnädigen Beistand! Amen.

Zunächst richte ich eure Aufmerksamkeit auf den, der die verlesenen Textesworte geredet hat. „Ich Gefangener in dem Herrn“ nennt er sich. Es ist der große Apostel des Herrn — Paulus. Weder Stricke noch Banden, weder Schloß noch Riegel konnten ihn zurückhalten, sein Apostelamt zu verwalteten. Hinter Gefängnismauern zu Rom gedankt er seiner lieben Epheser. Er ermahnt sie aufs eindringlichste, daß sie wandeln möchten, wie sich's gebührt ihrem Beruf, darinnen sie berufen sind. Der Heiland hatte sie durch seinen Heiligen Geist berufen zur Seligkeit, die er ihnen erworben hatte. Diese Seligkeit hatten sie ergriffen durch den Glauben an den Herrn Jesum Christum. Dadurch sind sie Kinder Gottes geworden und Erben des ewigen Lebens. Als Kinder Gottes sollten sie nun wandeln, wie sich's ihrem Beruf zufolge gebührte. Dieser ihr Wandel in ihrem Christenberuf sollte sich nun insonderheit beweisen durch Demut. Ja, die Demut ist die Haupttugend aller Kinder Gottes. Ein alter Kirchenvater wurde einmal gefragt: Welches ist die erste Tugend eines gläubigen Christen? Er antwortete: „Die Demut.“ Er wurde weiter gefragt: „Welches ist die zweit Schönste Tugend eines Christen?“ Er antwortete abermals: „Die Demut.“ Und als er dann gefragt wurde, welches die dritt Schönste Tugend eines Christen sei, gab er dieselbe Antwort: „Die Demut.“ Er wollte dadurch anzeigen, daß die Demut alle andern Christentugenden bei weitem übertrahet und ihnen gleichsam den Stempel aufdrückt. So ist es auch. Die Demut gehört gleichsam zum Wesen eines gläubigen Christen. Sie findet ihren Ausdruck wunderschön in den Worten der allgemeinen Beichte: „O allmächtiger Gott, barmherziger Vater, ich armer, elender, sündhafter Mensch, bekenne dir alle meine Sünde und Missetat, damit ich dich niemals erzürnet und deine Strafe zeitlich und ewiglich wohl verdient habe. Sie sind mir aber alle herzlich leid und reuen mich sehr, und ich bitte dich durch deine grundlose Barmherzigkeit und durch das heilige, unschuldige, bittere Leiden und Sterben deines lieben Sohnes Jesu Christi, du wollest mir armen, sündhaften Menschen gnädig und barmherzig sein.“ Das ist Demut, wenn der gläubige Christ ganz und gar an sich selbst verzagt und sich einzig und allein verläßt auf die Gnade Gottes, die uns gegeben ist in Christo Jesu.

Teure Mitchristen! Die tägliche Erfahrung lehrt, daß unser durch die Erbsünde verderbtes Fleisch und Blut nach nichts mehr strebt als nach geistlichem Hochmut, daher es denn das fortwährende Bestreben unsers neuen Menschen sein muß, den geistlichen Hochmut zu unterdrücken und sich der Demut zu befehligen. Sehen wir in unser heutiges Sonntagsevangeliem. Die Gäste, die Schriftgelehrten und Pharisäer, wie strebten sie doch danach, oben zu sitzen! Nun ist ja das Obenanstehen an und für sich keine Sünde. Auch im Reich der Gnade gibt es ein Oben und ein Unten. Aber das Drängen, das Trachten, oben zu sitzen, das ist Hochmut, verdammlicher Hochmut. Davor warnt uns der Heiland, indem er, gleichsam seinen Finger

aufhebend, warnend ausruft: „Wer sich selbst erhöht, der soll erniedrigt werden, und wer sich selbst erniedriget, der soll erhöht werden.“ Seht jenen Pharisäer, der hinaufging in den Tempel, um zu beten. Hört, was er sagt! „Ich danke dir, Gott, daß ich nicht bin wie die andern Leute: Räuber, Ungerechte, Ehebrecher oder auch wie dieser Zöllner. Ich faste zweimal in der Woche und gebe den Zehnten von allem, das ich habe.“ Fürwahr, das war geistlicher Hochmut in höchster Potenz. O ihr Christen, kämpft gegen diesen verdammlichen geistlichen Hochmut und jagt nach der Demut, wie ihr sie in strahlendem Glanze wahrnehmt an dem Zöllner, der von ferne stand und seine Augen nicht aufheben wollte gen Himmel, sondern an seine Brust schlug und sprach: „Gott, sei mir Sünder gnädig!“ Hier haben wir ein Vorbild der Demut. Was war Jesu Urteil? „Dieser [der Zöllner] ging hinab gerechtfertigt in sein Haus vor jenem [dem Pharisäer].“ Denn wer sich selbst erhöht, der wird erniedrigt werden, und wer sich selbst erniedriget, der wird erhöht werden.“

Nächsten Mittwoch feiern wir den St. Michaelistag. In dem Festevangelium wird uns erzählt, daß die Jünger mit der Hochmutsfrage vor den Heiland traten: „Wer ist doch der Größte im Himmelreich?“ Denkt euch nur! die Jünger hatten von Natur daselbe erbündlich verderbte, hochmütige Herz wie die Schriftgelehrten und Pharisäer. Wie wies sie doch der gute Heiland zurück und zurecht, indem er ein Kind in die Mitte stellte und sagte — was er jetzt sagt, gilt uns allen —: „Wer nun sich selbst erniedriget wie dies Kind, der ist der Größte im Himmelreich.“ Ja, fürwahr, David hat recht, wenn er sagt: „Wenn du mich demütigst, so machst du mich groß.“ Wenn wir nur unsere Schwachheit fühlen, wenn wir immer und immer wieder merken, wie sich der geistliche Hochmut in uns regt und die echte, wahre Demut aus unserm Herzen schwinden will, dann laßt uns hineinsehen zum Kreuze Christi und mit glaubensvollen Augen blicken auf ihn, dem wir gleichgesinnt werden sollen, der sich selbst äußerte und Knechtsgestalt annahm und wie ein anderer Mensch ward und an Gebärden als ein Mensch erfunden wurde; der sich dann selbst erniedrigte und gehorsam wurde bis zum Tode, ja zum Tode am Kreuz. Das war Demut! Und in dieser Erniedrigung hat er das größte Liebeswerk vollbracht, welches je auf Erden geschehen ist, nämlich das Erlösungswerk für die verlorene Sünderwelt. Auch da hat uns Jesus Christus ein Vorbild gelassen, daß wir sollen nachfolgen seinen Fußtapfen und also in tiefster Demut unsern Christenwandel an den Tag legen.

Und nun werde ich mich an euch, ihr lieben Diakonissen. Ihr seid Gottes liebe Kinder durch den Glauben an Christum Jesum. Das ist doch gewiß wahr, daß ihr Jesum im Glauben ergriffen habt? Ich kann mir keinen traurigeren, erbärmlicheren Menschen denken in Gottes großer, weiter Welt als einen Pastor oder einen Lehrer oder eine Diakonissin, die im Dienste unsers Herrn und Heilandes Jesu Christi steht, aber nicht den lebendigen Glauben an ihn im Herzen hat. Doch ich versehe mich eines Besseren zu euch. Ihr steht im Glauben. Ihr habt Jesum im Glauben ergriffen. Ihr seid darum Gottes liebe Kinder durch den Glauben an Christum Jesum. Gott hat euch durch seinen Heiligen Geist trakt des Evangeliums zur Gotteskindschaft

berufen. Ihr sollt darum wie alle gläubigen Christen euer Christentum zieren und schmücken durch einen Wandel, wie sich's gebührt eurem Beruf, darinnen ihr berufen seid. Euer Hauptbestreben muß darum, wie bei allen gläubigen Christen, ein Wandel in der Demut sein.

Ihr seid aber nicht nur Gottes liebe Kinder wie andere Christen, sondern ihr habt euch einen Beruf erwählt, der euch ganz besonders in den Dienst eures Heilandes stellt: den Diakonissenberuf. Um dazu tüchtig zu werden, habt ihr euch durch einen dreijährigen Kursus ausbilden lassen, und heute sollt ihr feierlich für diesen Dienst abgeordnet werden. Da merkt euch nun, daß die Haupttugend einer lutherischen Diakonissin die Demut ist. Verrichtet darum euren Diakonissenberuf in rechter Demut. Stellt euch jeden Tag unter das Kreuz Christi und erkennt, was Liebe ist, aus Christi Bei-

Und nun, gehabt euch wohl! Gottes Segen sei mit euch! Im Namen dieser Gemeinde, die versammelt ist vor dem Angesicht unsers Gottes in seinem Heiligtum, wünsche ich euch einen reichgesegneten Diakonissenberuf in der Demut von Anfang bis zu Ende. Und dieser mein Wunsch ist ein Gebet für euch, das ich bekräftige mit einem kräftigen „Amen, Amen, das heißt: Ja, ja, es soll also geschehen“. Amen. Halleluja! Amen.

DEACONESS SCHOOL AT WATERTOWN, WIS.

Among the earliest and most lasting impressions the undersigned received in his childhood was that made by the quiet and unassuming working of deaconesses he had occasion to



spiel, wie er sein Leben für euch gelassen hat. Habt ihr diese Liebe erkannt und erfahren, dann wird sie euch treiben zur Gegenliebe, daß ihr aus Dankbarkeit eurem Heiland wieder dient in eurem notleidenden Mitmenschen. Diesen Dienst laßt geschehen in der Liebe und in der Demut. Euer Beruf bringt notwendigerweise das Gehorchen und das Dienen mit sich. Gehorchen aber und Dienen setzt Demut voraus. Diese Demut begleite euch überall, wo ihr eurem Diakonissenberuf lebt. Diese Demut legt an den Tag, wo immer das Feld eurer Wirksamkeit sein möge, sei es an den Betten der Kranken oder in Waisenhäusern oder Altenheimen; sei es in Bethesda oder in Wheat Ridge; sei es in der Taubstummenanstalt oder im Heilbad zu Hot Springs, S. Dak.; sei es in der Heiden- oder Neger- oder Indianermission; sei es in der Stadtmision oder als Gemeindeglied; kurz, wo immer ihr von der Diakonissenbehörde hingestellt werdet, überall und zu jeder Zeit bleibt dessen eingedenk: Die Haupttugend einer lutherischen Diakonissin ist die Demut.

observe in the Deaconess Institute at Dresden and at Bethesda, a few miles from Dresden, among the vineyards of the Niederloessnitz. At that time the thought never entered his mind that in later years he himself would be instructing a class of deaconess pupils in a Bethesda of the New World. But we "know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Jer. 10, 23. Thus God also led him to accept the call into the chaplaincy of our Bethesda Home, which included also the duty of teaching in our Deaconess School.

On September 1 this school entered upon its second year. The superintendent of Bethesda, Mr. L. Pingel, is giving "Study and Training of the Child and Adolescent" and Music, Dr. F. T. Kosanke is instructing in "Home Nursing," and the undersigned teaches "The Distinctive Doctrines of the Lutheran Church," leads in "Bible Studies," and reviews the English Catechism. Other branches will be taken up later.

Our Deaconess School here is a school for the practical training of deaconesses. From the very beginning our deaconess pupils are called upon to work in our Bethesda Home. The Home needs them, and they need the Home for their training. Going through the Home, you may see them diligently engaged in their manifold duties in the office, laundry, kitchen, day-room, sick-room, laboratory, or sewing-room, or in the park, superintending the "hikes" and plays of the children.

We rejoice to be able to report that our call for more deaconess pupils has been heard by the Lord and His Church. We now have 15 pupils in our school. They come from all directions, from eight different States of the Union. But this does not appear in their work and studies. They all show the good training received in our dear Synodical Conference churches and schools.

Dear reader, no doubt the question has often vexed you why God, who is merciful and kind, could have willed that so many of our fellow-men should be burdened with so many bodily and mental infirmities. But when you see how Christian love is engaged in caring for these sufferers and in alleviating their burden, you can readily see that God does this also for this reason: to test our faith and to give our Christian love an opportunity to unfold and thus to grow and become stronger.

We know that you have opportunity to do this also at home; but learning of the good work our deaconess pupils are trained to do here and wherever they may be called upon to work, you will desire to share also in the blessed work that is done here. This you can do by praying for Bethesda, for our Deaconess School, and for our Deaconess Association and by taking an active part in this work as you may see fit. God will certainly show you the best way to do it, and He will bless you for it.

WM. T. NAUMANN.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Acquainting our people with the aims and objects of our Deaconess Association is one of the duties of our superintendent. During the summer months there was hardly a Sunday on which he did not preach at some mission-festival in behalf of our deaconess cause. Three Sundays in succession he filled the pulpit of several Lutheran congregations in the immediate neighborhood of Fort Wayne. Several congregations in Ohio were also made acquainted with our work, which is carried on in the interest of missions and charities. An invitation to speak at the convention of the Minnesota District of the Walther League at Mankato was accepted with thanks. We know that our young people can be very much interested in our work, particularly the young ladies. As a direct result of the lecture given at Mankato I am glad to say that, just a few weeks later, one of the young ladies entered our Deaconess Training-school at Watertown. She hopes that some day she may be able to serve the Lord in our great mission-field in China.

Two other young ladies declared their willingness to enter next spring.

On the 28th of September your Superintendent had the pleasure of addressing the members of the Lutheran Ladies' Mission Aid Societies of St. Paul and Minneapolis. In spite of the cold, raw weather there was a splendid attendance. Directly after the close of the meeting a number of ladies applied for membership in the association, and we hope that many more of our dear Lutherans in the Twin Cities will join our organization and thus help the noble cause of training Lutheran young women for special service in the great harvest-fields of the Church.

The Northern Indiana Pastoral Conference, while in session at Kendallville in the first week of October, was appealed to in behalf of our work. The pastors were asked to support the cause by stressing the great need of trained woman helpers in the Church to their ladies' aids.

"TRIPLETS" ON THE THIRTEENTH.

'Twas Ascension Day, May 13, 1926. Before the morning service the telephone at the East Fork Orphanage, near Whiteriver, Ariz., conveyed the message that a baby had been born in Whiteriver that morning which ought to be taken to the orphanage. The mother already had six small children to care for, the youngest about one year old. The whole situation was such that the new-born girl had few chances to live if left in her surroundings.

Of course, there was room for one more, although the deaconesses, the Misses Pauline Meyer and Louise Rathke, had their hands full—and their heads too—with caring for the sixteen little Apaches they already had in the institution.

It was agreed upon that the superintendent should get the little baby in the afternoon. As it was a beautiful day, such as only Arizona can afford in May, he took his family along for a little ride.

They had proceeded about a mile, when they met Pastor Alf. Uppegger, of San Carlos, who divulged to them the purpose of his unexpected visit. In the rear seat sat his wife, holding an Apache baby-carrier. Another orphan! Mother died of tuberculosis. No one able to care for the child in the home. So to the East Fork Orphanage it must go, to the life-saving station.

This little one was born in March, but the agency physician had named her April, and April Kidde was the name recorded. She was later named Rachel by her foster-mothers.

While the two missionaries and their families were visiting from car to car, up drove Pastor Behn, assistant missionary at Whiteriver. In the rear seat was an Indian man and a baby in a carrier.

"That's fine," said the superintendent. "You have saved me a trip to Whiteriver by bringing the Kaytoggy baby."

"Kaytoggy?" asked Rev. Behn with a puzzled look. "No. This is an I—I baby from Cedar

Creek. (I—1 is the band number of that family.) The mother is tubercular and has no nourishment for this little fellow. I don't know anything about Alfred Kaytoggy's baby."

Three mission autos — two with babies, one on the way to get a third! And the deaconesses utterly unprepared for such an increase!

But the deaconesses faced the task nobly. And a task it usually is when a new baby arrives. Generally it is the infant's first acquaintance with soap and water. There is dirt, much dirt, and vermin too. And the little redskins seem to resent parting with their little pets.

By evening the three little new ones were resting comfortably in their little — no, not beds, not even baskets, for they were all filled. They were quietly sleeping — or crying for homesickness — in their paper cartons, assured that baskets had been ordered for them.

The deaconesses actually expressed the hope — and who would blame them? — that "triplets" would not come again so soon. However, a few days later another orphan was added to the family. And then there were twenty-one.

H. C. NITZ.

Allerlei Mitteilungen.

Am Dienstag und vielleicht noch am Mittwoch, den 9. und 10. November, findet die Jahresversammlung der Diaconissen-Gesellschaft statt, und zwar, wie in vergangenen Jahren, so auch dieses Jahr, in der Halle unserer gastfreien Emmaus-Gemeinde zu Fort Wayne, Ind. Die verschiedenen Zweigvereine sind zur Vertretung berechtigt. Alle Anmeldungen sollten bis zum 1. November in Händen des Superintenden ten sein. Man adressiere: Rev. B. Poch, 2916 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. Die Versammlung beginnt am Dienstagvormittag um halb zehn Uhr.

An Stelle P. Th. Destinon's, der einen Beruf in der Nähe von Seymour, Ind., angenommen hat, ist P. E. Fölber, Stadtmissionar in Fort Wayne, als Mitglied des Direktoriums gewählt worden.

Diaconissin Luise Rathke, die bisher in der Mission unter den Apache-Indianern in Arizona tätig war, wird gegen Ende November nach Indien reisen, um dort in der sogenannten Zenanamission zu dienen. Unter Zenanamission ist die Arbeit unter den Frauen Indiens gemeint. Gott der Herr segne die Arbeit unserer Diaconissin in der fernsten Heidenwelt!

Auf der großen lutherischen Ausstellung in Chicago war auch unsere Diaconissensache vertreten. Eine Anzahl Bilder von unsern Gebäuden, unserm Diaconissenheim in Fort Wayne wie auch von unserm Diaconissenhospital in Beaver Dam, Wis., waren ausgestellt. Desgleichen waren auch Bilder da von den verschiedenen Diaconissenklassen. Ein neues Pamphlet, das den gegenwärtigen Stand unserer Arbeit in Wort und Bild vor Augen führt, wurde unter die Besucher verteilt. Es heißt, daß gegen 10,000 Personen die Ausstellung besucht haben. Viele Leute sagten unserm Superintenden ten, sie hätten gar nichts davon gewußt, daß es im Kreise der Synodalkonferenz eine Diaconissengesellschaft gebe. Nahezu 5,000 Exemplare unsers Pamphlets wurden verteilt.

Dringende Bitte.

Alle unsere lieben Glieder werden sich gewiß herzlich freuen über die Nachricht, daß sich die Zahl unserer Diaconissenschülerinnen in den beiden letzten Jahren mehr als verdoppelt hat. Zweiundvierzig Jungfrauen bereiten sich in unsern Schulen auf den Diaconissenberuf vor. Das bedeutet selbstverständlich auch verdoppelte Ausgaben. Darum ergeht nun an alle unsere lieben Glieder die dringende Bitte, uns zu helfen, daß wir doch recht bald 10,000 Glieder bekommen. Wir freuen uns gewiß, daß seit Januar etwas über 400 neue Glieder gewonnen worden sind. Aber wir sind noch weit vom erhofften Ziel. Wenn ein jedes unserer Glieder nur zwei neue Glieder werben könnte, so wären wir unserm Ziele schon um ein bedeutendes näher gerückt. Unser Superintendent ist gerne bereit, passende Literatur über unsere Sache auszusenden, damit recht viele unserer Leute mit unserer Arbeit bekannt werden und sie dann auch träftig unterstützen.

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Der liebe Herausgeber unsers kleinen Diaconissenblättchens wurde auf der Wohltätigkeitskonferenz, die ihr silbernes Jubiläum in St. Louis feierte, zum Ehrenpräsidenten erwählt. Der Missions-Frauenverein von St. Louis feierte zur selben Zeit sein silbernes Jubiläum.

MISSIONARY AND SOCIAL WORK.

The supreme aim of every woman worker engaged in Inner Mission work is to serve her Lord and Master by ministering to the sick, the forsaken, the wayward, the poor, and the outcast, bringing to them the Gospel of Christ, the Savior of the world. No matter if she be interested in institutional work, work among children, the aged, or delinquent girls; whether her work is that of a city missionary or parish worker, or whether she is doing reconstruction work in the homes of the poor, her chief concern is the saving of souls.

In no respect should the temporal or physical needs of the individuals be neglected. The soul as well as the body is cared for by the Christian workers. The care of the soul is always given first consideration; but it is often necessary to render physical aid, to distribute clothing and food, and to give a patient medical attention before any progress can be made in winning the soul. These acts of mercy are commonly known as Social Service Work.

Social Service Work as conducted by our public agencies is entirely and specifically welfare work, temporal or physical relief work. This work differs from that of the *Christian* workers in this respect: The workers engaged in Social Service Work as professionals aid only in physical or temporal relief. They do not engage in religious work, nor do they make any attempt to comfort the troubled soul with comforting Bible-truths. They are not interested in the spiritual condition of their patients, but merely minister to the material needs of humanity. The aim of our Lutheran woman workers, however, is primarily to serve

sin-sick souls, bringing them spiritual relief and comfort plus relief of the body — acts of mercy for Christ's sake. Thus the main duty of the woman worker is the saving of souls, encouraging and cheering the weak, the troubled, the sick, and the dying.

All Christians might be workers for Christ if they would but avail themselves of the manifold opportunities presented them daily. Already in the time of Moses, Miriam, his sister, served the Lord, her God, in various ways. Miriam was in all respects a servant, or hand-maiden, of the Lord. Many instances might be cited from the Bible where women served the Church and performed acts of mercy among the sick and the poor. One of the outstanding examples taken from the Bible is that of one Dorcas, who faithfully and diligently did both missionary and social work among the sick and the needy. Acts 9, 36—43.

Woman's work has found favor and received the Lord's blessing from the beginning. The apostles, whose duty it was to preach and teach the Gospel, did not have the time to minister to the physical relief of humanity, or carry on social work. Therefore the visiting and comforting of the sick and all work pertaining to temporal and physical needs was entrusted to deacons and in some instances to deaconesses.

(To be concluded.)

NOTES AND NEWS.

Miss Amelia Doctor, graduate of the class of 1926, Fort Wayne, entered upon her duties as deaconess nurse at our Wheat Ridge Sanitarium, Colo., on July 1.

Miss Amanda Kaiser, also of the class of 1926, entered our Beaver Dam Deaconess Hospital August 1. For the present she serves as night supervisor.

Miss Meta Schrader, another graduate of the same class, will take a short special course in the Lying-in Hospital at Chicago in order to render the best service possible as a medical missionary deaconess in India.

Miss Louise Rathke, who served in the Apache Indian Mission in Arizona, will leave for India about the 20th of November to assume the duties of a zenana worker, bringing the saving Gospel of Christ to the women of India. May the Lord guard and keep her on her long journey and bless her work that many benighted souls may through her ministrations be led out of darkness to the light of God's grace in Christ Jesus!

While attending the sessions of our Synodical Conference, which met at Lockport, N. Y., in August, our venerable president, Pastor Philip Wambsganss, was given the floor to speak on our work. It was resolved to approve of this work and to advise the Deaconess Association to address itself to the various Districts of the synods affiliated with the Synodical Conference for financial support.

At the Lutheran Exposition held in Chicago, October 9 and 10, the committee had reserved a booth for our deaconess work. Pictures showing our training-schools and graduates, as well as literature explaining our work, caused many visitors to stop and make further inquiries. A new folder with illustrations and text explaining our deaconess activities had been prepared for the occasion. Nearly 5,000 copies were taken by the visitors as they passed our booth, and we hope that many of these will be induced to support our cause.

The board for the Apache Mission in Arizona hopes that Miss Harms will be able soon to take up the work in that field. She will take Miss Rathke's place.

Miss Breitenfeldt will remain at the Deaconess Hospital until her three years of training are over.

May the Lord bless the work of our deaconesses!

LARGE ENROLMENTS.

Six new students have entered our training-school at Beaver Dam, Wis. This is the largest enrolment we have ever had at our Deaconess Hospital. This large enrolment in a measure offsets some of the losses we have sustained at Beaver Dam. Miss Irma Fritz, a junior, was called home because of a death in the family. We hope that she will reenter. Miss Gieschen, also a junior, entered our Watertown training-school. The present enrolment at Beaver Dam is ten. The heaviest enrolment was recorded at the Bethesda School, where at present we have fifteen deaconesses in training. You will hear from them occasionally, not only through our LUTHERAN DEACONESS, but also through our *Bote aus Bethesda*. A special corner is reserved for them in the *Bote*.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF OUR DEACONESS ASSOCIATION.

The annual conference of our Deaconess Association will be held November 9 and 10 at beautiful Beaver Dam, Wis., where we have our only Deaconess Hospital, with Miss C. Dienst as superintendent. The meeting will be held in the church hall of Rev. L. Kirst, 306 West St. To insure a large attendance, the various branch societies and ladies' aids supporting this noble cause are requested kindly to send a representative. Delegates are to send their names not later than November 1 to the superintendent, Rev. B. Poch, 2916 Fairfield Ave. Matters of vital importance to the deaconess cause will be discussed. The sessions will open on Tuesday morning, 9.30.

Donations for Medical Student.

Received for Medical Student Norbert Leckband and forwarded to Treasurer T. G. Eggers, Fort Wayne, Ind.: From Mrs. A. W. Meyer, Iowa Falls, Iowa, \$10.00; Ladies' Mission Aid Society, St. Louis, 25.00; Mrs. Hoffmann, St. Louis, 1.00. — Total, \$36.00. JULIA KOENIG.

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