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Hulda Buegel.



Beata Randt.



Ruth Trettin.

The Three Graduates of Our Fort Wayne School.

## INSTALLATION.

Impressive services were held at Concordia Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., on Tuesday evening, September 29, when the three graduates of our Fort Wayne school were installed. Pastor J. Th. Destinin preached an inspiring sermon on the Shunammite woman, 2 Kings 4. The installation ceremony was conducted by the superintendent.

A reception was given the graduates at Concordia Parish House. The graduates are:—

Miss Hulda Buegel, of Young America, Minn., assigned as parish deaconess for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, New York;

Miss Beata Randt, of St. Paul, Minn., called as missionary deaconess by the Metropolitan Inner Mission of New York;

Miss Ruth Trettin, of Kaukauna, Wis., called as deaconess nurse and X-ray operator for our Deaconess Hospital at Beaver Dam, Wis.

May the Lord bless their labors of love!

## REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS ASSOCIATION.

As in previous years, thus also the recent annual conference of our Deaconess Association was held at Fort Wayne, whose loyal Lutherans have been the hosts of many gatherings connected with Synod's work. Due to the fact that the date originally set for the meeting had been postponed on short notice, several delegates who had planned on being present were not able to attend. The conference was held at Emmaus Hall and was opened on Tuesday, September 29, by the venerable president, Rev. Ph. Wambsganss. The reports of the financial secretary and the treasurer were read and accepted.

### Extracts from Report of Superintendent.

According to our constitution the chief purpose of our Lutheran Deaconess Association is to educate and train Lutheran deaconesses for

the care of the sick and the poor in the congregations of our Synodical Conference and for the ministry of mercy in its charitable institutions as well as in its home and foreign mission work. As we study the history of the Modern Deaconess Movement, we find how the promoters of the cause had to contend with almost insurmountable obstacles before they saw their efforts crowned with success. We read, for instance, of the great difficulties encountered by Pastor Wm. Passavant, the founder of the first Lutheran hospital in our country. During a period extending over more than thirty-five years only sixteen deaconesses were installed by him. By way of comparison, therefore, we have every reason to be grateful as we consider that during the comparatively short time of our deaconess work we have nine workers in the field, to which three more will be added this evening. The roster of our deaconesses and of their fields of service reads thus:—

Our first graduate, Miss Ina Kempff, after serving faithfully for two years as principal of our Lutheran Deaconess Hospital at Beaver Dam, Wis., was transferred to Detroit in response to an urgent appeal issued by the Detroit Lutheran Ladies' Mission Society and approved by the Detroit local mission council. Miss Kempff entered upon her duties as assistant to the city missionary, Pastor O. Turk, in February and is doing very good work in that field.

Miss Clara Dienst, graduated 1923, is supervising our deaconess pupils at Hot Springs, S. Dak., and has proved herself a great help in furthering the interests of our Lutheran Sanitarium at that place.

Miss Bessie Stenke, another graduate of 1923, was assigned as surgical nurse to our Beaver Dam Deaconess Hospital, but because of ill health was able to serve only a very short time.

Miss Clara Wiebke, also a graduate of 1923, served our Beaver Dam Deaconess Hospital up to April, 1924. She asked for a temporary release and hopes to enter our Colored Missions as a deaconess worker as soon as circumstances will permit.

#### Graduates of 1924 and Their Fields.

Miss Elsie Mohr is in charge of our Beaver Dam Deaconess Hospital and is managing the affairs of the institution really well. Miss Esther Tassinari for a time filled the vacancy caused by Miss Stenke's illness. A call was issued to Miss Tassinari from the Metropolitan Inner Mission, to be approved by the Deaconess Association. She was to assist our Metropolitan missionary, Pastor H. Gallman. Pastor Bongarzone, our Italian Lutheran missionary at West Hoboken, N. J., appealed to our Association, remarking that Miss Tassinari, at the very beginning of her training as deaconess, had been promised to enter the Italian Mission. Due to the fact that the Board for Italian Mission has guaranteed \$75

a month toward her support and that the Wa-ther League has also promised financial aid our Board of Directors agreed to have Miss Tassinari enter upon her new field among the people at West Hoboken by October 1.

Miss Martha Eber, another graduate of 1922, entered her field as parish deaconess of Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City. Rev. Geo. Schmidt, pastor, on December 1924. She had been there barely a month when a letter was received from the pastor of the oldest Lutheran church in our country, St. Matthew's, New York, asking us to supply them, too, with a deaconess.

#### Graduates from Beaver Dam, 1925.

Miss Martha Koehler was placed at the Lutheran Augsburg Home for Orphans and the Aged at Baltimore. Until a suitable couple has been found to act as superintendent and matron, the situation calls for a great deal of special effort on the part of our deaconess.

Miss Pauline Meyer, together with Miss Louise Wegner, served our Bethesda Home at Watertown, Wis., for several months, and it was a welcome relief for the superintendent at Bethesda to see them obtain efficient help at last. Due to the fact that three young ladies came to Bethesda to take the deaconess training offered there, Miss Meyer and Miss Wegner could be transferred to different fields. Miss Wegner was called to serve as assistant to Pastor Sandvoss in the City Mission of Chicago, where she began her work on September 1.

Miss Meyer and Miss Louise Rathke were called to serve in the Indian Mission among the Apaches down in Arizona. They have been placed in the orphan home for Indian children at East Forks, Ariz. May the Lord continue to bless the work of our deaconesses!

#### Our Deaconess Schools.

Fifteen pupils were enrolled at our Fort Wayne Training-school last fall. Of these, two were not able to continue their studies. The places were filled this spring when two new pupils entered, and we shall have three more by the beginning of October. Since there are three graduates, we shall have the same enrollment as last fall—fifteen. The lessons were given regularly as the number of lessons 266, shows. Of these, 57 were given in part by Pastor *emeritus* Wm. Diederich and Pastor E. Foelber, our local city missionary. Miss Anna Holtman, principal of our Nurses Training-school, assures us that our deaconesses have done extremely well, also in their classes with the doctors.

The instruction at Beaver Dam, Wis., is given by our Pastor Walthers, who travels from Fox Lake to the hospital every Wednesday. Five deaconess students are enrolled at Beaver Dam, and we hope to see more enter this fall since the doctors are not very enthusiastic about teaching small classes.

### School at Bethesda, Watertown.

There is great rejoicing at Watertown because of the fact that after years of waiting and after many appeals and efforts had been made to secure deaconess students, we now have a training-school there. Three young ladies enrolled this spring. Superintendent L. Pingel informs us that a number of our summer school students have entered the class and that we have nine young ladies enrolled at Bethesda. Pastor Eggers and Superintendent Pingel are the instructors. Our Bethesda students are given lessons also in typewriting and music.

### Hot Springs, S. Dak.

Three deaconesses were enrolled at our Hot Springs school last fall. Pastor Gerike had kindly agreed to furnish the instruction in the particular deaconess subjects, and we are informed that the newly installed chaplain of our Lutheran Sanitarium, Pastor Lewis Lang, will soon be on the teaching staff. Our venerable president, Rev. Ph. Wambsganss, who visited Hot Springs a few weeks ago, assured us that the conditions under which a deaconess training-school ought to be operated are ideal at Hot Springs.

We are also happy to state that this institution is now on a good financial footing, and we hope that Lutherans throughout the country suffering from asthma and other chronic troubles will patronize our Hot Springs Sanitarium.

### Publicity Work.

To bring our cause before our Lutheran people, your Superintendent has been contributing editorials on our work not only to the leading synodical papers, but also to District and parish papers. These editorials were particularly instrumental in our receiving many inquiries from Lutheran young ladies regarding our work. Since September, 1924, seventy-six such inquiries have been received.

Forty-seven sermons and lectures were delivered. The mileage covered was 13,183. Traveling expenses, however, were greatly reduced by the superintendent's having received many trip passes. 1,327 letters were written. This does not include the mailing of receipts nor the mailing of literature in connection with the membership drive of March and April.

At the regular monthly meetings of our Board much time and serious consideration were given the problem of improving our financial situation. After trying to get a good number of pastors to act as captains in a membership drive, an appeal was mailed to every pastor within the Synodical Conference, requesting him particularly to bring this matter to the attention of his ladies' aid. The response, however, was not encouraging.

Although our membership has increased steadily during the past two years, we are still a great way from the coveted goal of 10,000, and therefore we must continue our efforts to increase our membership.

In connection with this report Pastor Ed-

mund Reim, of Fox Lake, Wis., gave detailed information concerning our Deaconess Hospital at Beaver Dam. He reported on the financial status: Receipts from September 1, 1924, to September 1, 1925: \$24,815.44. Disbursements: \$21,832.50. Balance: \$2,982.94. There are also on hand \$5,000 in the Building Fund.

It was resolved that the superintendent strain every effort so that we may have three classes at Beaver Dam, every class to have five students. It was also resolved that the superintendent go to Beaver Dam four times a year and teach there for one week in order to encourage the pupils of Beaver Dam.

The recommendations of the Associated Charities Conference were favorably acted upon. It was resolved to elect a committee which shall work out a plan for a two-year deaconess training course in connection with Bethesda. The members of the committee shall be Pastors Witte, Eggers, Duemling, Wambsganss, and Poch.

As to the recommendation that the Board of Directors be enlarged, it was resolved that because the constitution must be altered if this recommendation were accepted, notice must be given of a change to be made in the constitution.

The following officers were reelected: Rev. Ph. Wambsganss, president; Rev. H. B. Kohlmeier, vice-president; Mr. Aug. Freese, financial secretary.

The auditing committee, Mr. Theo. Dammann, of Milwaukee, and Mr. Lutzki, of Beaver Dam, pronounced the accounts of the treasurer to be correct.

It was resolved, however, to segregate our funds and to elect a committee which is to determine just in which manner the funds shall be designated. The members of this committee are Mr. Scherer, Mr. Freese and Pastors Destinon and Poch.

The conference approved of the superintendent's going on an extended lecture tour through South Dakota, with the understanding, however, that preliminary work be done for a new membership drive during his absence. The acting committee is to include Mr. Scherer and Pastors Destinon, Wambsganss, and Poch.

Pastor Erb, of Aberdeen, S. Dak., was welcomed as guest.

The date for the 1926 conference and installation is to be fixed by the Board of Directors.

The following recommendations were submitted by the committee on finances and were approved by the conference:—

- 1) That our office be instructed to get in touch with the names and addresses given in our records;
- 2) That all pastors who as yet have not interested themselves in our cause be again approached to assist in a membership campaign;
- 3) That we choose a good man as our representative in the various conferences;
- 4) That we be particularly solicitous in winning members in Fort Wayne and vicinity;

5) That we continue to advertise our cause in as many papers as possible and bring home the blessed results of deaconess work by relating experiences and submitting pictures;

6) That a committee be appointed to carry out these recommendations.

The ladies of Emmaus Congregation, who served the delegates with a special treat of their cooking ability, were given a vote of thanks.

### Witteilungen über die Jahresversammlung unserer Diakonissengesellschaft.

Die Jahresversammlung unserer Diakonissengesellschaft fand statt am 29. September, und zwar, wie in vergangenen Jahren, so auch dieses Mal wieder in der Halle der gastfreien Emmausgemeinde zu Fort Wayne. Delegaten aus fünf verschiedenen Staaten waren erschienen. Die Berichte des Kassierers und des Finanzsekretärs sowie der Bericht des Superintendenten bildeten den Hauptgegenstand der Beratungen. Der Kassierer erinnerte daran, daß wir unbedingt im kommenden Jahre uns noch viel mehr anstrengen müssen als bisher, um unsere Einnahmen zu vermehren. Bei der immer größeren Ausdehnung unserer Arbeit mehren sich auch die Ausgaben.

Unser Superintendent berichtete über die Arbeit unserer Diakonissen und über unsere Diakonissenschulen. Es stehen zurzeit neun Diakonissen in voller Tätigkeit und bald werden noch drei hinzukommen! Zwei dienen in Hospitälern, eine steht einer Alten- und Waisenheimat vor, eine ist Gemeindefschwester, und fünf stehen in direktem Missionsdienst. Vom 1. Oktober an wird Diakonissin Tassinari unter ihren italienischen Landsleuten tätig sein, und zwar unter der Leitung unserer italienisch-lutherischen Pastors Bongarzone. Zwei Diakonissen stehen im Dienst der Indianermission in Arizona, die von der Wisconsinynode betrieben wird. In der Stadtmision in Chicago und Detroit haben wir je eine Diakonissin. Leider stehen uns längst nicht genug Kräfte zur Verfügung. Dreizehn Gesuche um Hilfe sind eingelaufen, und wir können nur drei neue Diakonissen in Dienst stellen.

Es gereicht uns allen zur besonderen Freude, berichten zu können, daß endlich, nach langem Warten und vielen Bemühungen, eine Diakonissenschule zu Watertown, Wis., ins Leben gerufen werden konnte. Drei Schülerinnen traten im vergangenen Frühjahr ein, und Superintendent Pingel berichtet, daß die Zahl jetzt auf neun gestiegen ist. Wenn wir nur für Beaver Dam auch mehr Schülerinnen bekommen könnten! Im ganzen haben wir jetzt 31 Diakonissenschülerinnen. In Beaver Dam wird ein Hospitalanbau geplant. P. Keim berichtete ferner, daß man einen sogenannten X-ray-Apparat dort anschaffen werde. Es wurde beschlossen, die Bitte unserer Brüder in Beaver Dam zu gewähren, unsern Superintendenten viermal im Jahre dorthin reisen und ihn dann immer eine Woche im Unterrichten auszuhelfen zu lassen. — Der Plan des Finanzkomitees, wie die Mitgliederzahl und dadurch die Einnahmen vermehrt werden können, wurde angenommen. Zeit und Ort der nächsten Versammlung wurde dem Direktorium (Board of

Directors) überlassen. Den Frauen der Emmausgemeinde, die für die Mahlzeiten gesorgt hatten, wurde der herzlichste Dank votiert. — Am Dienstagabend wurden dann die drei Diakonissenschülerinnen, die ihr Examen bestanden hatten, in einer feierlichen Gottesdienst eingeführt. P. Destin hielt die Predigt über 2 Kön. 4. Wir wünschen diesen Schwestern Gottes reichen Segen zu ihrer herrlichen Beruf.

### PEN PICTURE OF THE CLASS OF 1925 AT THE SUMMER SCHOOL, WATERTOWN, WIS.

The winds held a whispered consultation. Soon the whisper had increased to a mighty roar. The East Wind blew from Schenectady, N. Y., bringing Miss Erna Heck, stopping at Oshkosh, Wis., for Miss Clara Strehlow, and dropping them very gently at Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown, Wis. The South Wind blew from Kansas, seizing Miss Emma Grundemann at Netawaka, Kans., grasping Miss Thelma Mattil into the whirl at Chattanooga, Tenn., and depositing his precious burden in Watertown. Then came the West Wind from Nebraska, bringing Miss Anna Steinbeck from Ulysses (he had to blow some!), Miss Pauline Kietzmann and Miss Henriette Nauk from What Cheer, Iowa, stopping at Dubuque for Miss Christine Zauche, and, to insure a speedy journey, picking up Miss Anna Puse at St. Paul, Minn. Said the North Wind: "I shouldn't like to chill the atmosphere, but I must be represented." So he began to search for the warmest-hearted folks in his territory and brought Miss Frieda Mahns from Manitowoc, Wis., and Miss Rosa Henck from Van Dyne, Wis.

On Tuesday morning, July 7, they all gathered at St. John's School, these eleven blushing, bashful maidens, students of the Summer School for Lutheran Welfare Workers. Each heart was fluttering, and the thoughts behind the careful marceles ran parallel, "Shall we ever get acquainted, and will they like me?" Encouraging words were spoken by the leader of the deaconess movement, and encouraging glances and handclaps served to break the first wave of homesickness.

The student-body studied diligently. Perhaps the Deaconess Association deemed a class of eleven a small beginning. However, infants have a way of growing. The class of 1925, according to measurements, is not so small at all. From Miss Mattil's and Miss Steinbeck's 5 feet 1 inch to Miss Nanke's 6 feet even is quite a range. Our combined height is 61 feet 11½ inches. Some infant! Arms extended, finger-tips touching, we can reach 747½ inches which insures our getting what we want.

We traveled many miles to reach Watertown, 5,297.1 miles, which cost us \$184.97. Therefore we were determined to earn 100 per cent. on each dollar spent. We studied 1,188 pages of Schaller, 440 pages of Mangelsdorf, 1,331 pages of Gregory's *Seven Laws*, 757 pages of Luecke, 592 pages of the Augsburg Confes-

sion, and 292 pages of Luther's Catechism. We have read thousands of pages of references, have taken about 289 pages of notes, and have written 99 pages of Bible History lessons (this does not include whole tablets resting in the waste-baskets). Is there any doubt that the class of 1925 has applied itself diligently?

Surely you notice a marked improvement! At any rate, our head measures 245 inches — under the hat. This is quite a storehouse for knowledge. This fact causes us to become quite "chesty"; we are not surprised to find that we measure 377½ inches. It is well to step out into a critical-minded world with a good understanding. We possess it, for the size of our shoe is 78½, not exactly a fairy-boot. Should a shadow of doubt arise in the mind of the reader as to the veracity of the

fishing resort. To our teachers and our kind friends we extend our hand in parting. The handclasp is hearty — it takes a size 78¾ glove.

To the class of 1926 we bequeath our unfinished tasks, the leaves from our note-books, the whole-hearted cooperation of our teachers, the good will of our friends, and our own good wishes and encouragement. May they, as has been the case with us, find a pleasure in every study, inspiration in every lecture, encouragement in every friendly glance, a blessing in every accomplishment, and, the same as we have done, bring their course to a close with the firm resolve to use their knowledge to help others to know what charity is — of all Christian virtues the greatest and most enduring.

ANNA O. PUSCH.



Faculty and Students of Our Summer School at Watertown, Wis.

*First Row:* Revs. F. H. Eggers, F. W. Herzberger, and B. Poch. Superintendent L. Pingel.  
*Second Row:* Misses A. Steinbeck, C. Strehlow, C. Zauche, E. Heck, P. Kitzmann, Th. Mattil.  
*Third Row:* Misses R. Henckl, E. Grundemann, A. Pusch, H. Nanke.

foregoing statements, the writer would like to add that each argument bears weight — 1,535¼ lb., to be exact. Miss Zauche tips the scales at 115 lb., Miss Steinbeck at 160 lb., and all the rest a happy medium.

We have learned to know that only cooperation between teacher and pupils can bring about satisfactory results. The pupil is immense, so is the teacher. He measures 23 feet 3¾ inches. The writer is wondering if even more could have been accomplished had the teacher "put down his foot" when thoughts were apt to wander. Surely it would have had its effect, since that foot is incased in a size 35 shoe. Judging from the size of the teacher's hat, his opinion of this first year's work is not small. A size 29¼ hat must needs be bought early in the season, and stretched at that. We feel that our teacher is a trifle underweight and overworked since his chest measures only 166 inches, and his weight is only 686 lb. We advise a rest-cure at a good

#### OUR SUMMER SCHOOL AT WATERTOWN.

The picture of the students and the faculty of our summer school at Watertown, Wis., serves as evidence that our appeal for the establishment of such a school has not been in vain. The school was opened July 7. Accommodations were furnished by St. Stephen's Congregation. The principal, Pastor H. F. Eggers, formally opened the school and explained why the opening of such a school was deemed advisable, namely, to interest our young women in practical church-work and perchance persuade them to enter one of our deaconess training-schools. Pastor Poch, Superintendent of the Deaconess Association, explained the aims of the association and also gave a review of deaconess work from the days of the apostles down to our times. The venerable president of the association, Pastor Ph. Wambsganss, delivered a stirring address in behalf of woman's sphere of activity in church-work.

Eleven students were enrolled. A good reference library had been provided by the board of our Bethesda Home. The subjects taught included Bible Study, Distinctive Doctrines of the Lutheran Church, Church History, Pedagogy, The Deaconess and Her Work, and History of Missions. In addition to the regular classes, lectures were given also by Professor Meibohm and by Pastors Herzberger and Stern, the latter speaking on the mission carried on by the Wisconsin Synod among the Apaches of Arizona.

The students expressed the wish that our summer school become a permanent affair. Six of the students entered the Deaconess School at Bethesda.

Besides teaching at Watertown in the morning, Pastor Poch went to Beaver Dam in the afternoon and gave a series of lectures for the benefit of our deaconess pupils at the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Herrmann, of Bethesda, were so kind as to give the whole summer school an outing by taking them to Beaver Dam in the Bethesda bus. Our Beaver Dam folks were also very glad to welcome Rev. Herzberger, who encouraged our deaconess pupils to continue their training, always remembering the blessedness of the deaconess calling.

#### DEACONESSSES, TOLERATED, OR NECESSARY?

By heading this article as he does, the writer wishes to stress two points, and they are briefly these: If the Modern Deaconess Movement is merely tolerated in our circles because no strong argument can be brought against it, then by all means abolish this seemingly silly movement at once. If, however, it is an institution that is of the utmost necessity and well-pleasing to God, then let none of us spare a minute of our time in getting whole-heartedly behind this deaconess work, solicit young ladies and women for this calling, and support the deaconess cause with our prayers and with our pocketbooks.

The object of this article is to set forth in as few words as possible the urgent need of deaconesses in our day and to solicit cooperation among our fellow-Christians. There is no need of giving a detailed account of the history of the female diaconate. That has been done upon several occasions in our church periodicals and in special pamphlets. In this short article we merely wish to refer to those articles and pamphlets as a reminder and inquire why there is such a lack of interest for deaconess work.

The writer wishes to be honest in expressing his opinion regarding the reason for the lack of interest for deaconess work in our circles. His opinion is this: Many people become horrified when they hear the name "deaconess." They get almost every kind of thought but the right one. They imagine that girls and women who enter upon the training for the deaconess calling begin a life of seclusion for the remainder of their lives, and that their calling

resembles that of a Catholic "sister." Frie get a dictionary, or better still, get your Bible and read Rom. 16, 1 and also 1 Tim. 3, 10. Your information will be this: A deaconess is a female worker in the service of the Lord.

The name of Pastor Theodore Fliedner, founder of the Kaiserswerth institutions, written with indelible letters in the history of the Modern Deaconess Movement. In our country Pastor Passavant laid the foundation of the deaconess work when he brought with him four deaconesses from Kaiserswerth to act as the nursing staff at his hospital. In our own circles the name of Pastor F. W. Herzberger, dean of our city missionaries, is prominent, because it was he who spared no labor in bringing about an organization that would take up the cause of training deaconesses for the service in the Lord's vineyard within the Synodical Conference. In 1919 his labor finally met with success. But so far the work is still in its infancy. Progress has been made along these lines, but only on a minor scale and with the cooperation of only a few. There ever was a time when we needed such trained woman workers in the service of the Lord, it is now.

Missionaries in foreign countries are begging for such deaconess workers; they need them to do some mission-work which they, being men, cannot do. Take, for instance, the work in the zenanas, the women's apartments of East Indian homes. Women are not permitted to see the face of a man! How will our missionaries get an opportunity to bring these unfortunate the Bread of Life? Let us, therefore, train a number of deaconesses and entrust them with this work. Orphanages, homes for the aged and the feeble-minded, rescue homes, Magdalene homes, etc., are becoming more numerous in our circles from year to year, and therefore we must have a large number of people properly trained to take charge of the unfortunate inmates. And, my friends, only a deaconess can perform work at such places effectively and with good results, because she has received both a religious education and a training in nursing and child-welfare work. And the city missionaries are in a position to mention various other fields of activity for the trained deaconess.

Above all, our congregations in the large industrial cities are greatly in need of parish deaconesses, who can assist the busy city pastor in caring for the needs of members who are in distress, substitute at school during the illness of the teacher, help in Sunday-school and render great service to the young ladies of the congregation by advising them in various ways.

Since the deaconess is merely a woman serving in God's vineyard, and since the Lord has commanded all, male and female, young and old, to labor in His vineyard, shall we then a body of loyal Christians, merely tolerate such a noble service as that performed by the deaconess? God forbid that we remain forever lukewarm over against this blessed deaconess work! We know that it is both necessary and

well-pleasing to God. O, then, let us be up and doing!

You young women and widows of the Synodical Conference, do you wish to perform a noble service for the Lord? Come and enter the Deaconess Training-school. The calling of a deaconess is not a life of seclusion, but a life for Christ. A deaconess serves the Lord in all the unfortunate people round about us. If in later years you decide to enter the state of matrimony, you can do so without breaking any vows, because no vows are required from the deaconess. Consider the calling of a deaconess conscientiously and have literature sent you, which will be furnished by the Rev. B. Poch, 2916 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.

And you, pastors and teachers, fellow-laborers in the Lord's vineyard, take a few moments of your time and inform yourselves as to what the female diaconate really stands for. The more you investigate the matter, the greater a necessity it will appear to you. Present this deaconess work to the people of your charge and especially urge your ladies' aid society and your young women to support this deaconess work financially and with their prayers.

May the Lord bless the Lutheran deaconess work of our day as He did during the days of the early Christian Church, and may there be an ever-increasing number ready to reply, "Here am I, Lord, send me, send me!"

F. W. KORBITZ.

DEACONESS MOTTO.

What is my wish? I wish to serve.

Whom do I wish to serve? The Lord in His wretched ones and His poor.

And what is my reward? I serve neither for reward nor thanks, but out of gratitude and love; my reward is that I am permitted to serve.

And if I perish in this service? "If I perish, I perish," said Esther. I would perish for Him who gave Himself for me. But He will not let me perish!

And if I grow old in this service? Then shall my heart be renewed as a palm-tree, and the Lord shall satisfy me with grace and mercy.

I go my way in peace, casting all my care upon Him. — *W. Loche.*

WALKING BY FAITH WITH GOD.

One step I see before me,  
'Tis all I need to see;  
The light of heaven more brightly shines  
When earth's illusions flee.  
And sweetly through the silence comes  
His loving, "Follow me."

So on I go, not knowing;  
I would not if I might.  
I'd rather walk in the dark with God  
Than go alone in the light.  
I'd rather walk by faith with Him  
Than walk alone by sight.

Report of Financial Secretary of the Lutheran Deaconess Association.

Received at the installation of deaconesses at Fort Wayne, \$40.35. Expenses, 15.75. Balance, \$24.60. Received at the installation of deaconesses at Beaver Dam, \$106.58. Expenses, 21.67. Balance, \$84.91. Donations: Louis Weisenburger, Indianapolis, \$25.00; John Schaffer & Wise, Pittsburgh, 100.00; Theo. Lamprecht, New York, 200.00. Dues and charity contributions received by the undersigned, 701.73; by Rev. B. Poch, 2,512.12. Other contributions: Young People's League, Chicago, 250.50; for the Lutheran Deaconess, 148.55; for our Deaconesses: at Beaver Dam, 1,950.00; at Hot Springs, 1,025.00; at New York, 350.00; at Detroit, 270.00; at Watertown, 237.00; at Baltimore, 225.00. Repaid by Miss Meitzler, 75.00. Total, \$8,179.41.—Paid over to our Treasurer, Mr. Scherer.

Received from our deaconesses: Miss Kempff, \$730.00; Miss Wiebke, 370.00; Miss Dienst, 925.00; Miss Nolting, 25.00; Miss Mohr, 750.00; Miss Eber, 350.00; Miss Tassinari, 350.00; Miss Wegner, 87.00; Miss Meyer, 150.00; Miss Koehler, 245.00; Miss Meitzler (returned), 75.00. Total, \$4,057.00.

September 1, 1925. AUGUST FREESE, *Fin. Sec.*

Treasurer's Report of the Lutheran Deaconess Association.

Balance on hand, September 1, 1924, \$126.71. Received from Financial Secretary August Freese: September, 1924, 391.98; October, 533.27; November, 709.40; December, 591.00; January, 1925, 1,182.90; February, 390.50; March, 950.76; April, 767.00; May, 872.50; June, 731.50; July, 705.04; August, 353.56. Total, with balance, \$8,306.12.—Disbursements: September, 1924, \$490.78; October, 430.71; November, 267.90; December, 1,043.08; January, 1925, 473.32; February, 687.98; March, 831.99; April, 767.94; May, 593.74; June, 561.50; July, 824.12; August, 1,048.61. Total, \$8,021.67. BALANCE ON HAND, \$284.45.—Itemized Disbursements: Rev. B. Poch: salary, \$1500.00; traveling expenses, 312.64; office expenses, 263.42. For printing, 124.03. For Lutheran Deaconess, 729.93. Repair on Deaconess Home, 267.05. Two new beds, 79.00. Tuition, 46.00. Rev. Ph. Wambsgans, traveling expenses, 86.00. Interest, 20.00. Total, \$3,428.07.—Paid out to deaconesses: Ina Kempff, \$425.00; Clara Wiebke, 90.00; Clara Dienst, 330.00; Elsie Mohr, 255.56; Martha Eber, 257.83; Esther Tassinari, 229.51; Louise Wegner, 220.00; Pauline Meyer, 170.00; Martha Koehler, 120.00; Alma Mueller, 100.00; Amanda Kaiser, 100.00; Clara Mueller, 75.00; Nora Johnson, 91.66; Elsie Mohler, 125.00; Louise Rathke, 130.00; Martha Breitenfeld, 141.65; Lillian Husska, 125.00; Anna Thomas, 75.00; Martha Buchholz, 75.00; Rose Bremer, 75.00; Adeline Harms, 183.34; Ruth Trettin, 100.00; Beata Randt, 110.00; Hulda Buegel, 110.00; Lydia Hass, 100.00; Meta Schroder, 100.00; Irma Fritz, 98.34; Theo. Wilks, 50.00; Elizabeth Schwartz, 50.00; Esther Lassen, 50.00; Lulu Noess, 50.00; Eveline Pollman, 50.00; Minnie Spurgat, 50.00; Pauline Nolting, 25.00. Dresses for deaconesses, 205.71. Total, \$4,593.60. GRAND TOTAL, \$8,021.67.

September 1, 1925. CH. W. SCHERER, *Treas.*

Total Receipts and Disbursements.

RECEIPTS.	
Total membership dues, collections, donations, etc. ....	\$28,232.27
From our graduated deaconesses .....	8,068.00
One loan .....	500.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$36,800.27</b>
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Deaconess Motherhouse .....	\$11,426.99
Graduated deaconesses' monthly allowances and other expenses .....	4,424.22
General expenses, Superintendent's salary, traveling expenses, printing, and all other expenses to collect the above amount .....	20,664.61
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$36,515.82</b>



Total receipts .....\$36,800.27  
Total disbursements ..... 36,515.82

Balance, September 1, 1925 .... \$284.45

We owe on a note, \$500.00. Cash on hand, \$284.45.

(Signed.) AUGUST FREESE, *Fin. Sec.*

September 1, 1925.

### Separation of Funds.

#### GENERAL FUND.

Cr. by Deaconess Motherhouse .....\$11,426.99  
Dr. to one note .....\$ 500.00  
To Deaconess Fund ..... 3,643.78  
4,143.78  
Balance ..... \$7,283.21

#### DEACONESS FUND.

Cr. by earnings .....\$8,068.00  
Dr. to expenses and monthly allowances 4,424.22  
Balance ..... \$3,643.78

AUGUST FREESE, *Fin. Sec.*

### Medical Student Fund.

Received for Medical Mission Student Leckband \$25.00 each from Ladies' Mission Aid Society and the Young Women's Lutheran Deaconess Association of St. Louis. N. N., 1.00. Total, \$51.00. JULIA KOENIG.

### Deaconess Schools within the Synodical Conference.

*Motherhouse and School at Fort Wayne, Ind.,* 2916 Fairfield Ave., President, Rev. Philip Wambsganss, Superintendent, Rev. B. Poch.  
*Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Beaver Dam, Wis.,* President, Rev. L. C. Kirst, Superintendent, Miss Ina Kempff.  
*Bethesda Training-school at Watertown, Wis.,* Superintendent, Mr. L. Pingel.  
*Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Hot Springs, S. Dak.*

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(Up to July, 1925.)

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*Baden, Miss* Martha M., R. N., Lutheran Girls' School, San Yuen Li, Hankow, China.  
*Gruen, Miss* Olive, Lutheran Girls' School, San Yuen Li, Hankow, China.  
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