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IN ALL FAIRNESS.

Our Lutheran deaconesses are *church-workers*. We repeat it most emphatically — THEY ARE CHURCH-WORKERS. They differ from the social workers in this, that they are educated and trained especially to help in bringing the saving Gospel to immortal souls. The Church has no business to train social workers, but it is its business to employ and train all the talents her Lord and Master has given her for the winning of blood-bought souls for His Kingdom of Grace and His Kingdom of Glory. Among these talents are the consecrated women who are willing to serve their Savior in the ever-growing harvest-fields of His Church.

The need of such woman workers, or deaconesses, is felt by many in our midst as the roster of the societies supporting our deaconess cause, printed on the last page, will show. But in spite of their precious assistance and that of other friends, our Deaconess Society finds it impossible to make ends meet. Here the Church can help, and in all fairness ought to help, say, with a yearly subsidy. Our Missouri Synod sends the deaconesses our Society has educated into its Foreign Mission fields. Our Wisconsin Synod calls our deaconesses into its Indian Mission work in Arizona. Our synods annually expend hundreds of thousands of dollars for the purpose of erecting and maintaining colleges for the training of our boys for the holy ministry; they certainly can afford to give a few thousand a year for the training of our pious young women, for our deaconesses, who are doing church-work. It is to their interest to do so. The burden of maintaining our four deaconess schools — at Fort Wayne, Ind., Beaver Dam and Watertown, Wis., and Hot Springs, S. Dak. — is too heavy for our small society. "Bear ye one another's burdens!" In all fairness we ask the synods composing the Synodical Conference to put our DEACONESS CHURCH-WORK on their annual BUDGET; and we ask our big, rich, generous Missouri Synod at its thirty-third convention at St. Louis to take the lead by voting us an annual subsidy of \$5,000. We ask it for the sake of Jesus and His saving Gospel.

F. W. H.

"LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?"

"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" this was the question St. Paul asked when Jesus had appeared to him on the way to Damascus. The moment his heart was filled with the love of Christ, there was but one purpose in his mind, namely, to do the Lord's will. No matter how difficult the task was, he did it because he had consecrated himself to the service of the crucified and risen Savior. Throughout his blessed missionary career the great apostle would always make sure that he was doing the Lord's will. His example stirred others to like action. And thus also to-day his zeal to make known the name of Jesus among the nations is a source of inspiration to all who pray earnestly and sincerely that God's kingdom may come.

In his missionary endeavors he appreciated very highly the services rendered by laymen who were devoted to the cause of spreading Christ's kingdom.

The Work of Laymen in the Apostolic Church.

All believers are to bring the message of salvation to those who are yet without God and without hope in this world. I would call attention here to one of the latest books written by Dr. P. E. Kretzmann, well-known author of the *Popular Commentary*. In this book, which has been published under the title *While It Is Day*, great stress is laid on personal service in the kingdom of God. Great things were accomplished, not only by the apostles, but also by the laymen of the early Church. Many of the early congregations were founded by laymen. The death of Stephen, the first martyr, encouraged the enemy to make a desperate effort to wipe Christianity from the face of the earth. A great persecution against the church at Jerusalem was set afoot, and the Christians were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles, who stayed at Jerusalem. And now we read concerning the lay members who left Jerusalem: "And they that were scattered abroad went

everywhere preaching the Word." It was the lay members who spread the Gospel through Western Judea and Samaria. At Damascus, likewise, Christians were found; for Saul went there with the avowed intention of bringing men and women bound to Jerusalem. Western Judea also had been thoroughly evangelized; for we read of the saints who were at Lydda, at Saron, and at Joppa. The congregation at Rome, too, was without doubt founded by laymen who spoke to others of the Gospel of salvation.

A most outstanding example of personal service rendered by laymen is that of Aquila and Priscilla. They had been of wonderful help to the apostle in his missionary endeavors at Corinth. They did fine work in establishing the congregation at Ephesus. When Apollos, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to this city, Aquila and Priscilla took him into their house and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. While at Rome, they were just as active in church-work there as they had been in Corinth and in Ephesus, and church-work with them was to bring souls to Christ. They realized what the Lord would have them do and were happy in their efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ. They were fully aware of the blessedness of such work.

Nor were they the only lay workers whose labors for the Lord are mentioned and commended by Paul. If we but read the list of names in Rom. 16 and note what he has to say with regard to the lay members mentioned there, we are constrained to admit that a great deal of the apostle's success was due to the cooperation of lay workers.

Woman Helpers.

In the list of names recorded Rom. 16 we find that St. Paul makes honorable mention of pious women who contributed their share to the spreading of Christ's kingdom. We have the example of Phoebe, who was called by the congregation at Cenchrea to fill the office of a deaconess. As the office of the deacons, thus, in like manner, the office of the deaconess was to be a blessing to the congregation. Following the example of their master, those early Christians were zealous not only in preaching the Gospel, but zealous also in relieving sickness and distress wherever they could. This ministry of mercy was a splendid recommendation for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The early Christians realized what a valuable and precious talent the Lord had given them in those pious women, who were willing to assist in such church-work for which they were peculiarly fitted. Through their deaconesses the congregations reached many who otherwise never would have heard the message of salvation. These woman helpers did not confine their ministry of mercy to members of the congregation; no, they also entered the homes of their heathen neighbors and, while relieving distress and suffering, testified also of the faith that was in them.

What the Lord Would Have US Do.

Why does St. Paul make honorable mention of the great service rendered by woman helpers in the Church? Surely this was done with intent that the believers of all times should take notice and avail themselves of *all* the talents God has given them in order to bring the Gospel to every creature. Have *we* been doing this, we Lutherans of the Synodical Conference? Attention was called to this matter in the very first article that appeared in our LUTHERAN DEACONESS. God has given to our dear Church the same talent He gave to the early Christian congregations. He has given us pious, intelligent, and willing young women, who are ready to use their peculiar gifts for the spreading of Christ's kingdom. Other denominations have recognized the great value of trained woman helpers in the vast harvest-fields of the Church; a large number of deaconesses is in their employ. We have just made a beginning. To succeed, we need the prayers and the financial aid of our fellow-Lutherans. By supporting the deaconess cause, we support the cause of true Christian charity as well as the cause of missions. And there is no question that it is the Lord's will that we promote these activities in the Church.

For Home Consumption.

Pastor A. Getty, a director of the Deaconess Board of the United Lutheran Church, has been following to say with regard to the deaconess work carried on in his denomination: —

"There are two things which the deaconess cause needs at the present time. First, we need more young women to enter training, young women who possess the proper qualifications of health, education, and devotion to Jesus Christ. All the motherhouses are calling for more candidates. The pastor of one of them recently declared that if he had fifty young women ready to enter fields of service he could plant them at once. At almost every meeting of the Board of Deaconesses appeals for deaconess service are received, to which the Board must return a negative answer because there are not enough women to meet the constant and ever increasing demands. Deaconesses are wanted for the institutions of the Church; they are wanted for the larger parishes; they are wanted for the foreign mission fields, which are ripe unto harvest. Young women of courage, devotion, and with the impelling love of Christ in their hearts can find in these various fields a place to make their lives count largely for the cause of the Lord. The deaconess work of the Lutheran Church in America puts before the young womanhood of the Church a definite challenge to a pure and noble form of Christian service.

"Secondly, the deaconess work needs the heartfelt interest and largest possible cooperation on the part of every pastor in the Lutheran Church. The deaconess work, like many other agencies of Christian activity, is a work that belongs to the whole Church. Through our deaconesses the whole Church functions in

the ministrations of mercy towards the poor, the unfortunate, the suffering. This ministry reaches far beyond the alleviation of any immediate and pressing material help. Our deaconesses go forth upon their errands of mercy as the servants of the Church. Therefore you must make possible their training and their support. And we beg you also that you furnish from among the young women of your congregation such as are willing to consecrate themselves for such service. I believe that the possibilities of the future are greater than they have been at any time in the past."

There are nearly four hundred deaconesses in the service of the United Lutheran Church, and yet these are not sufficient to meet the demand. And whoever knows what other denominations have accomplished through their trained woman helpers will readily admit that the Lord hath need of them.

Reenlistments.

Appeals were mailed in January to those who had supported our deaconess work when it was first begun, but who have not been heard from for a number of years. We are glad to report that over four hundred have responded to this appeal. We are, however, still a great distance from the goal since we are planning on reaching a total of 10,000 members. We need them if our work is to be improved upon and to expand. Several very encouraging letters have been received, telling us that the senders will try their best to interest others and induce them to join the ranks of the Lutheran Deaconess Association.

Address at Cincinnati.

The Federation of Ladies' Aids of our Lutheran churches at Cincinnati, an organization of recent date, has already done excellent work in helping to expand and aid the work of the city missionary, Pastor Geo. Kase. An invitation to address this enthusiastic body of churchworkers on the deaconess cause was gladly accepted. In spite of bad weather there was a large attendance, and the superintendent was assured that the organization would remember our cause. The Church of Our Savior, Rev. Kroenke, pastor, has supported the deaconess work through its ladies' aid ever since the Deaconess Association was organized and has about sixty members. We hope that many other aids will follow the example of the Church of Our Savior at Cincinnati.

The Metropolitan Quartet.

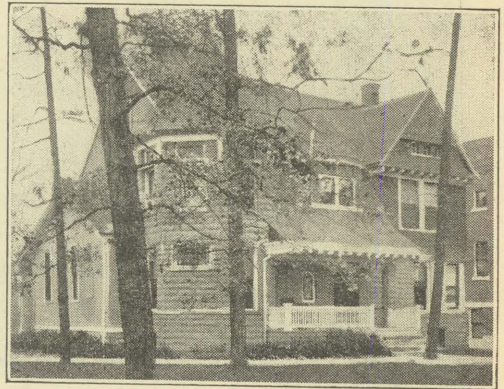
We have now four deaconesses in the Metropolitan District. Miss Martha Eber was the first one in this field. She was called as parish deaconess by Immanuel Congregation, Rev. Geo. Schmidt, pastor. Miss Esther Tassinari was assigned as missionary deaconess to Rev. A. Bongarzone, our Italian missionary at West Hoboken and Union City, N. J. Miss Tassinari began her work among her people in October, 1925. The new arrivals are Miss Beata Randt and Miss Hulda Buegel. Miss Randt was in-

stalled as missionary deaconess to assist Pastor H. Gallman in his great field as city missionary of the Metropolitan District. Installation services for Miss Randt were held January 10 at Immanuel Church, Pastor Gallman officiating. A month later, on February 14, Miss Hulda Buegel was installed as parish deaconess of St. Matthew's Congregation, of which Pastor A. Wismar has charge. The expenses for Miss Randt's services are met by the Metropolitan District of the Walther League. Miss Tassinari receives support, in part, from the general body of our good Walther League.

May the Lord bless the labors of our Metropolitan Quartet to the saving of many souls and to the glory of His name! B. POCH.

Lutherische Diakonissengesellschaft.

Lieber Mitschrift, hast du dich schon der Lutherischen Diakonissengesellschaft innerhalb der Synodalkonferenz angeschlossen? Wenn nicht, warum nicht? Du hast vielleicht noch nicht genug über die Zwecke dieser Gesellschaft gehört. Sie bildet Diakonissen



Deaconess Mother House at Fort Wayne, Ind.

aus für einen herrlichen Hilfsdienst in der Kirche. Im apostolischen Zeitalter gab es viele Diakonissen. Auch in unsern gegenwärtigen Verhältnissen haben wir sie besonders nötig in unsern Stadtmissionen; ferner in Ausübung der Armen- und Krankenpflege in großen Gemeinden; ferner in den verschiedenen Wohltätigkeitsanstalten, besonders Hospitälern, Waisenhäusern, Altenheimen, Sanitarien und dergleichen.

Die Diakonissengesellschaft hat schon schöne Erfolge erzielt. Sie unterhält Schulen in Fort Wayne, Ind., in Beaver Dam und Watertown, Wis., und in Hot Springs, S. Dak., mit zusammen dreißig Schülerinnen. Schon steht auch eine Anzahl installierter Diakonissen an den verschiedenen Plätzen im Dienst der Kirche.

Der Anfang ist also gemacht, und nun gilt es, im Vertrauen auf Gott rüstig vorwärtszugehen. Dazu gehört aber vor allen Dingen, daß man in unserer Synodalkonferenz eine große Mitgliederzahl erlangt, die mithelfen soll, die Diakonissensache auf eine gesunde finanzielle Basis zu stellen.

Man muß nämlich wissen und nicht vergessen,

daß zur Betreibung der Diaconissenjache ein Mutterhaus nötig ist, in welchem die Diaconissen bleibendes Heimatsrecht erlangen, und ihnen, wenn sie krank oder arbeitsunfähig geworden sind, freie ärztliche Pflege und Versorgung bis zum Lebensende garantiert wird. Es liegt auf der Hand, daß man den Applicantinnen für Diaconie solche Versprechungen nur dann machen kann, wenn man wirklich mit gutem Gewissen nach menschlicher Berechnung überzeugt ist, solche Versprechungen auch halten zu können. Dazu gehört aber, daß man wirklich imstande ist, den Diaconissen nötigenfalls Verpflegung und lebenslängliche Versorgung zu sichern.

Meint ihr nicht, liebe Leser, solche Sicherstellung könnte dadurch erzielt werden, daß wir innerhalb der Gemeinden unserer Lutherischen Synodalkonferenz eine Mitgliederzahl von etwa 10,000 mit

oder größere Geldspende diese gute Sache zu unterstützen, dann wißt ihr jetzt ganz genau, was ich tun hab.

Indem ich für die Aufmerksamkeit, die ihr guten Sache durch das Lesen dieses Artikels schenkt habt, herzlich danke und sie noch eurer Beherzigung empfehle, bringe ich diese zum Abschluß. Philipp Wambgan

Ein Besuch in der Diaconissenanstalt zu Dresden.

Die Diaconissenanstalt zu Dresden wurde Jahre 1844 durch den seligen P. Fliedner gegründet und dann durch den seligen P. Frölich in demselben Sinne weitergeführt.

Die Hauptanstalt liegt mitten in der sch



Fort Wayne Hospital and Training-School.

einem Mindestbetrag von einem Dollar erlangen könnten? Ganz gewiß! Und das ist es, was die Diaconissengesellschaft jetzt im Auge hat. Besonders sollen die Jungfrauen und Frauen der Gemeinden bewogen werden, Mitglieder und Gaben für die Diaconissengesellschaft zu werben und zu sammeln. Wenn das gleichzeitig und gleichförmig nach einem entworfenen Plan geschieht, dann kann viel erreicht werden. Zunächst ist nötig, daß unsere Christen mit den Zwecken der Diaconissengesellschaft bekannt gemacht werden und so bald als möglich erfahren, was diese vorhat zu tun. Wenn ihr, liebe Leser, darum diesen Artikel zu Ende gelesen habt, dann hat die Diaconissengesellschaft ihren Zweck zunächst an euch erreicht; und wenn ihr nach einer gewissen Zeit von Jungfrauen oder Frauen eurer Gemeinde gebeten werdet, euch durch einen Jahresbeitrag von einem Dollar der Diaconissengesellschaft anzuschließen oder durch eine kleinere

Stadt Dresden und konnte sich darum nicht so weit breiten wie die Anstalten in den ländlichen Gegenden. Und doch ist auch diese Anstalt weit verzweigt und vielseitig.

Hier ist das Mutterhaus, von wo aus alles leitet und allen Schwestern ihre Arbeit zugewiesen wird, und hierher können sie wieder kommen um sich Rat und Trost holen. Sind sie abgearbeitet und ruhebedürftig oder krank gewesen, so sorgt die Oberin dafür, daß sie in ein Erholungsheim kommen, damit sie wieder mit neuer Kraft und Gesundheit ihre schwere und doch segensreiche Arbeit aufnehmen können.

Das Feierabendhaus ist wohl das zuletzt gebaute, wo die von der Arbeit müden Schwestern ihren Lebensabend ungestört verbringen dürfen. Sie haben ihr Stübchen und mit den andern ein gemeinschaftliches Wohn- und Esszimmer.

Sodann hat diese Hauptanstalt ein eigenes Kran

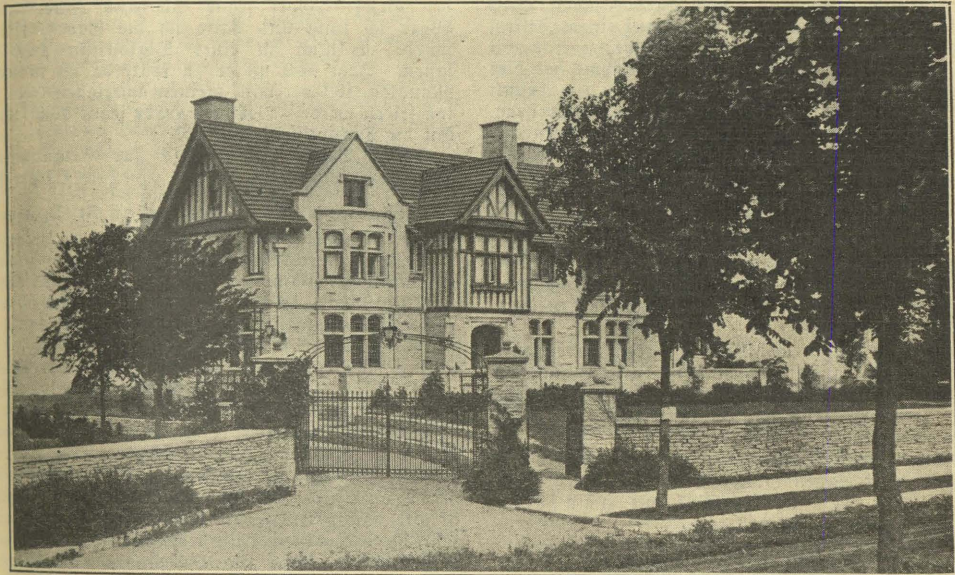
tenhaus. Es birgt 197 Betten in sechs Abteilungen, von denen jede unter einem dirigierenden Arzte steht. Dies Krankenhaus ist die Schule zur Ausbildung der Schwestern.

Außer dem Feierabendheim und dem Krankenhaus ist dort noch die Marthaschule, wo junge Mädchen in allen Zweigen der Hausarbeit unterrichtet und dazu angeleitet werden.

Ein Kinderhort (Day Nursery) ist auch da. Diese Anstalt hätte die Suppenküche im Winter; es ist auch ein Heim für kranke Schwestern. Da nicht Raum genug war, mußte ein Stockwerk draufgebaut werden. Hier ist ferner eine schöne Augenklinik. Eine nette Kirche steht mitten zwischen diesen Anstalten, wo wir zwei schönen Gottesdiensten bewohnen durften, am Samstagabend dem Wochenschlußgottesdienst und Sonntag früh.

Durch das Haus für krüppelige Kinder führte uns Schwester Eva Molwitz. Dies ist ihr Feld. Da war ein zehnjähriges Kind, das nur ein Bein hatte; es hüpfte vergnügt auf diesem Bein herum und lehnte sich gegen ein anderes Kind. Gelähmte Kinder in Fahrstühlen sahen wir auch. Schwester Eva Molwitz erzählte von einer Person, die keine Arme hat, sich aber so gut mit den Füßen hilft, daß sie nähen und flicken kann. Sie hebt ganz geschickt mit den Füßen eine Nadel auf und steckt sie sich ins Kleid. Es war wunderbar anzusehen. Sie ist aber sehr scheu und läßt sich vor Fremden nicht sehen.

Aber noch ein Heim steht da, das heißt Salem. Es ist ein Erholungsheim für die Schwestern, wunderschön in einem Garten gelegen, gerade wie geschaffen, um sich da auszuruhen und zu erholen.



Our Deaconess Hospital at Beaver Dam, Wis.

Außer diesen genannten Anstalten in der Stadt selbst gibt es noch eine Reihe von Anstalten in Niederlösnitz, wo im Jahre 1863 die Anstalt Bethesda oder Siedenheim gegründet wurde, um, der dringenden Not gehorchend, gelähmte oder unheilbare Kranke versorgen zu können.

Es sind jetzt in dieser Gegend außer Bethesda elf verschiedene Häuser entstanden, nämlich ein Kinderheim, die Marienschule, das Magdaleum, das Blödenhaus, ein Haus für krüppelige Kinder usw. Hier können sie unter anderem Landwirtschaft treiben, so daß die Anstalten mit Gemüse und Obst versorgt werden können. Im Siedenheim haben wir gesehen, wie Klöppelspitze gemacht wird. Diese Kranken sind fleißig, so weit ihre Kräfte es ihnen erlauben.

Auch eine schöne Kapelle ist in diesem Heim, mit Fenstern nach dem Krankenjaal zu, so daß alle Kranken an dem Gottesdienst teilnehmen können, ohne daß sie erst mühsam zur Kirche gebracht zu werden brauchen.

Eigentlich wollte ich von dem wunderschönen Sonntag erzählen, den wir in der Anstalt zu Dresden verleben durften. Zuerst gingen wir zum Gottesdienst, worauf wir an dem gemeinsamen Mahl teilnahmen. Etwa hundert Schwestern waren gegenwärtig. Nach dem Essen sangen wir einige Verse von „Befiehl du deine Wege“. Dann ging es in das kleine Andachtszimmer, wo man einer Schwester zum Geburtstag ein Lied sang, das ergreifende Lied:

Wie hat's die Seele doch so gut,
Die sich dem Herrn ergibt,
Die nichts mehr will und nichts mehr tut,
Als daß sie Jesum liebt usw.

Darauf folgte das herzliche Gebet der Oberin für die Schwester und alle auswärtigen Schwestern, die Geburtstag hatten. Alle gaben der Schwester die Hand und gratulierten ihr. Briefe und Kleinigkeiten für sie lagen bereit.

Nachdem wir uns an Kaffee und Kuchen im Sa-

milienzimmer erlaubt hatten, wurden wir in die Stube geführt, wo die Paramentenstidereien ausgeführt werden. Eine Schwester leitet diese Abteilung. Sie bekommen viele Bestellungen aus allen Gegenden für Altar- und Kanzeldecken mit wunderschöner Stiderei, auch für die verschiedenen Farben zu den verschiedenen Festzeiten.

Hier ist auch die Kostienbäderei. Das Baden der Kostien wird viel einfacher gemacht als früher. Vierzig Kostien werden zu gleicher Zeit auf einer Platte mit Elektrizität gebaden.

Zuletzt besuchten wir einige Schwestern in ihren Stuben, die einen prachtvollen Ausblick auf die Elbe haben. Wir hielten uns bei ihnen auf, bis die liebe Oberin uns aufforderte, noch einen Ausflug zu machen. Wir gingen zuerst nach Bethanien, einem schönen Erholungsheim mitten im Walde. Dann mußten wir zwischen Wiesen einen ziemlich langen Weg bergab gehen und kamen an das schöne Haus Böhme. Es steht ganz allerliebste auf einem Felsen, von wo man herabsieht auf die Elbe — eine reizende Aussicht. Ein Herr namens Böhme hat dieses Haus samt dem dazugehörigen Garten der Anstalt geschenkt als Erholungsheim für die Schwestern. Wir hatten Nachkessen hier, und dann machten wir wieder einen schönen Spaziergang an der Elbe entlang, bis ein Schiff kam und uns zurückbrachte. Das Haus Böhme sah vom Schiff wunderschön aus. Das war ein unvergesslicher Tag!

Diese Anstalt hat sehr schwer zu kämpfen, um sich zu erhalten. Die Mahlzeiten sind die denkbar einfachsten; alles wird zusammengeschaltet. Auch wird kein Licht gebrannt; man geht einfach früh zu Bett, um Licht zu sparen.

Leute, die früher wohlhabend waren, haben alles verloren, und anstatt regelmäßig Unterstützung zu senden, sind manche jetzt selbst dort und müssen versorgt werden. Und Kranke kann man doch nicht hinausweisen!

Gedenkt dieser Anstalt auch ferner mit Gebet und Gaben! Der Segen Gottes wird nicht ausbleiben.

Helene Hanjer.

NOTES AND NEWS.

News from China.

Miss Olive Gruen, teacher of our Chinese girls' school at Hankow, writes us that she always looks forward with great pleasure to the next number of our little deaconess paper. She is happy to know that under God's blessing our work is progressing, and she hopes that some day we shall have a Deaconess Training-school in China. She is convinced that a deaconess nurse will be able to accomplish a great deal by getting in close touch with the people. She will at times have more opportunity to reach the hearts of the people than even the missionary. By ministering to the sick in their homes or in the hospital, she will avail herself of the wonderful opportunity of speaking of the faith that is in her.

St. Paul's, Fort Wayne.

An address given by request of the English Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's was well received, and with the cooperation of the German Ladies' Aid and the pastors we hope that many more

members of St. Paul will join our Association. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Riedel we have nearly one hundred members in St. Paul's.

KFUO.

On Sunday evening, March 14, a brief address on our work was broadcast from our Seminary station. We were glad to hear that the lecture "came over" very clear at places where at times they have difficulty in getting KFUO. Our good solicitor in Pittsburgh, Mr. Mary Succop, informed us that she was very glad to hear the lecture and expressed the hope that this broadcasting will help materially in bringing our work before our people.

Aus unserer Korrespondenz.

Eine liebe Mitchristin sandte uns kürzlich folgenden Brief: „Gott segne Sie und Ihre Arbeit. Wäre ich jung und hätte ich die Gaben, freudwürde ich mich zu einer Diakonistin ausbilden lassen. Jetzt aber ist es zu spät, da ich in wenigen Monaten, so Gott will, meinen achtzigsten Geburtstag feiern werde. Gott der Herr segne auch fernhin die Diakonistinnenjuche!“

Solche Briefe dienen uns zur Ermunterung, deren wir immer bedürfen.

B. P. O. ch.

Deaconess Anniversary at St. Louis.

On the second Sunday after Easter, 1921, the Good Shepherd Sunday, our Young Women's Lutheran Deaconess Association of St. Louis was founded. It now consists of about 50 voting and 120 contributing members. On April 10 of this year, the Good Shepherd Sunday, this active society celebrated its fifth anniversary at Messiah Church, which was nicely filled. Rev. E. Roschke, of Hope Church, delivered an eloquent sermon on "Women's Work for God." His text was 2 Kings 5, 1—5. The Rev. E. Brand, Director of our Foreign Missions, made an earnest plea for personal service on the part of our young Lutheran women, especially those who have received a high school education, asking them to take the Deaconess and Nurses Course and then go out to India and China, where woman workers are so much needed in the great mission-fields. God speed the day when more of our educated young women will feel the urge of Jesus' love and call and say, "Here am I; send me!"

Practical Deaconess School at Watertown.

Our school in beautiful Watertown, Wis., is getting along fine. Superintendent Pingel writes us that he has already more than enough applications for our six pupils studying there. He is much pleased with their work and the spirit animating them. Six new pupils have announced their entrance for the coming term. "It is surely a fine class of girls we are getting here," he writes. Those of our young women who do not care to take up the three-year nurses' training-course and yet desire to serve the Lord in His vineyard as an institutional deaconess or parish deaconess ought to enter this school. Write Superintendent L. Pingel, Bethesda Home, Watertown, Wis.

Hot Springs, S. Dak.

Three pupils are taking the deaconess course here. Deaconess Clara Dienst is the efficient superintendent of this romantically situated sanitarium. She speaks very highly of the interest the local pastors, the Revs. Lang and Gerike, show for the deaconess cause. Friends suffering with nervous disorders will do well to put up at this splendid institution for a while and to use the curative waters there.

Jubilee Convention of the A. L. C.

From October 12 to 14, incl., the A. L. C., that is, the Associated Lutheran Charities within the Synodical Conference, will hold its jubilee convention, the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding, in good old St. Louis. Preparations are already in progress for a worthy celebration of this significant event. If you want to learn from first sources about the great city mission and charity work this Association has carried on for twenty-five years, and is still carrying on, attend this convention and register your name at the Central Office, our Lutheran Altenheim, 1906 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. H. R. Charlé, secretary. Buy our pamphlet if you are interested in the wide-spread charities of our Lutheran Church. We clip the following notice from the *Lutheran Witness* of April 20 and thank the editors of that live, virile biweekly, which ought to be read in every one of our homes, for the publicity given our last wonderful Charities Conference at Detroit:—

"The Proceedings of the Associated Lutheran Charities Conference held at Detroit last August have now been published. They contain the papers read at the convention, every one of them the work of an expert in his particular department of inner missions. The papers are entitled: 'The Passion for Souls,' 'Ministering to Various Types of Sick People in Institutions,' 'The Unmarried Mother and the Delinquent Girl,' 'Following the Patient into the Home,' 'Points of Contact with Other Agencies,' 'Functions of Boards,' 'Greater Uniformity of Practice,' 'Neglected and Dependent Children,' 'Placing Dependent Children in Foster Homes,' 'Placing in Institutions,' 'Placement Problems,' and 'Proper Publicity Work.' Single copies cost 35 cents. Order from Rev. J. H. Witte, 1439 Melville Pl., Chicago, Ill., or Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis."

F. W. H.

TRAINING
OF PRACTICAL DEACONESES.

The committee, appointed by the general meeting of the Deaconess Society last fall, consisting of Pastor Philip Wambsganss, of Fort Wayne, Pastor John Witte, of Chicago, Superintendent B. Poch, of Fort Wayne, and the undersigned, recently met at Chicago to discuss the training of practical deaconesses for the Church. The question before the committee was: How can we efficiently educate and train consecrated young Lutheran women for the work of practical deaconesses?

It was stated that we have to-day a school for nurse deaconesses, well established and equipped, at Fort Wayne, Ind.; but the arrangements for the training of practical deaconesses are as yet incomplete. After mature deliberations the committee adopted the following plan: A three years' course of training is advised, one year of which is to be given to studies to be had at Watertown, Wis., while two years are to be spent in practical training either in city missionary, parish, or institutional work.

The year at Watertown is to comprise forty weeks of study, each week to have ten lecture periods of one hour each, and twenty study periods of same duration besides practical work in the Bethesda institution. The lectures to be given shall cover the following subjects:—

Diaconies in General	60 hours
History of Missions	60 hours
Bible Study	60 hours
Fundamental Doctrines	30 hours
Distinctive Doctrines of the Lutheran Church	20 hours
Applied Diaconies	80 hours
Practical Pedagogics and Kindergarten Work	40 hours
Medical and Miscellaneous Practical Subjects	50 hours
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The two years to be spent in practical work are for social service work, practical missionary work, home nursing, and hospital training, child's welfare work, including Juvenile Court work, investigation for adoption of children, etc. The committee thought furthermore it would be advisable to give some training in music, typewriting, stenography, and business methods.

We hope that this course of studies will arouse interest in our church circles and prompt a number of our young Lutheran women to enter our training-school at Bethesda, Watertown, Wis. Those interested are requested to write to the following address:

F. H. E.

AN EARNEST PLEA OF THE EDITOR.

The editor of the LUTHERAN DEACONESS herewith earnestly requests pastors or secretaries of the various societies supporting our deaconess cause to send him items of interest occurring in their midst for publication in the DEACONESS. Let's get more acquainted with each other!

F. W. H.

Donations for Medical Student.

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