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## "THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH US."

"Congratulations to this day!"

Is what we all now wish to say.  
O may the Lord your future bless  
With cheerfulness and good success,  
That all you do in Jesus' name  
May help accomplish Jesus' aim,  
Which was, and ever is, to save  
All men, for whom His life He gave.

What is the motive of your choice?  
This question people often voice  
Derisively, as if to say:  
Why throw your youth and life away  
On such abasing work as this,  
Which brings you neither gain nor bliss?  
With Paul I hear you answer thus:  
"The love of Christ constraineth us."

The love of Christ, this is the source,  
The motive and constraining force,  
Which governs all that Christians do.  
And now it also governs you  
From hardships not to shrink nor shirk,  
But cheerfully take up this work,  
To comfort youth in sore distress,  
And help the old with cheerfulness;

Some wayward soul for Christ to win,  
Which, lying in the mire of sin,  
Without your help could not retrace  
Its steps to seek the Father's grace;  
A doubting heart to reassure  
That God its weakness will endure  
And will not break the reed so lax,  
Nor will He quench the smoking flax.

Now tell me, friends, is this not bliss,  
Not worth while earthly gain to miss?  
If Jesus as our Proxy died,  
Then our death also was implied;  
Since He arose who is our Head,  
We are, by faith, no longer dead,  
But live henceforth and serve the Lord  
And sing His praise with one accord.

Since all the angels serve the Lord,  
We can to Him no aid afford.  
But Christ points to our fellow-men  
And says: "If you would serve Me, then  
To these My brethren you must show  
Your love and kindness here below.  
This service in eternity  
I will acknowledge done to Me."

It will interest our readers to learn that the above poem was written by a patient of our Bethesda Lutheran Home at Watertown, Wis. The author, Mr. Albert Ney, is an invalid, confined to a wheel-chair. Because of his affliction he is not able to write in longhand, but avails himself of a typewriter. He based his thoughts on a sermon delivered by the superintendent of the Deaconess Association at the installation services which were held at Watertown last year and dedicated the poem to the graduates of 1930. May we suggest here that Lutheran tourists on their way to the wonderful resort places of Wisconsin would do well to stop off at Watertown and see for themselves how the Lord has blessed the work of caring for our Lutheran feeble-minded and epileptic folk. This will no doubt prompt them to remember the institution with their prayers and their gifts.

## SERMON ON REV. 20, 7—9.

Preached at the tenth anniversary of the  
Deaconess Association, November 10, 1929.

### 2.

The victory is ours as long as we as an organization remain within the protecting walls of the City of God. The text ends thus: "And they went up on the breadth of the earth and compassed the camp of the saints about and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them."

What a comfort for all true believers of the last times, in which they are being hard pressed by Satan! The Lord will put an abrupt end to the vaunted prowess of Satan and his allies by engulfing them with the fire of eternal perdition. But the Church of God He will take to Himself in heaven. The Savior says: "Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you, He will avenge them speedily." And again: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

True, the Church will not overcome her enemies in this world; but just when the enemy is all set, ready utterly to destroy the Church, having compassed it round about, God will come to her rescue and destroy the enemy. It shall not be possible for Satan to deceive the



elect of God. As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the end of time. As Noah and his family were saved and the deceived destroyed, so shall the faithful be saved and the deceived doomed forever. Again, as it was in the days of Lot, so shall it be at the end of the world. As Lot was rescued and the wicked burned, so shall the righteous be saved and the wicked be consumed with eternal hell-fire. But does that mean that we idly await the day of doom and perdition of ungodly men? God forbid! As Noah became a preacher of righteousness in his day, so we are to preach the Word of God in season and out of season to our generation. Satan rests not; can we, then, afford to be idle? And did not Lot speak to his prospective sons-in-law concerning that which was to come? So we are to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every living creature. We have the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation; let us withhold it from no one.

The householder who found men standing idle in the market-place at the eleventh hour said to them, "Why stand ye here all the day idle? Go ye into the vineyard!" The eleventh hour of this world has come, but yet it is day; therefore let us work while it is day, for soon the night cometh when no man can work. Let us support the ministry in our midst as never before; for through it we are being fortified against the devil. Let us stand back of our Christian day-schools without wavering; for in them our children learn the one thing needful and are given the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Let us foster our missions; for through them Christ gathers in His elect from the four quarters of the earth. To this end let us make the most of our deaconess endeavors, preparing workers who in their own unassuming way will sponsor the cause of Christ over against Satan in a field peculiarly adapted to the work they are to perform.

God speed our endeavors! There is work ahead for all, work that takes on the nature of a battle. But the battle is the Lord's, and the ultimate victory is assured. Therefore do not rest until your warfare is over. Soon it will have come to end, and then you shall eternally enjoy the rest that remaineth to the children of God.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Amen.

### A SPLENDID OFFER.

There is a well-known saying that all good things come to him who waits. For a long time it has been the fond hope of our Deaconess Association that some day we might enjoy full ownership of the institution at Beaver Dam, Wis., known as the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital. The management of the hospital was taken over by our association in February, 1922. The property rights were held by the citizens of Beaver Dam. In a very short time it became

evident that the needs of the community called for more hospital accommodation. In the fall of 1926 it happened that cots had to be placed in corridors. The need for more private rooms became more acute from year to year. As long as the hospital was not our property, it did not seem advisable that our association should invest large sums of money for an annex. The hospital has always been able to make ends meet. There was never a time when the citizens were solicited for special donations. It is true that the Beaver Dam branch of the Deaconess Association, and especially the Ladies' Aid of St. Stephen's Church of Beaver Dam, have shown active interest in the institution. The latter organization has done a good deal of sewing for the hospital.

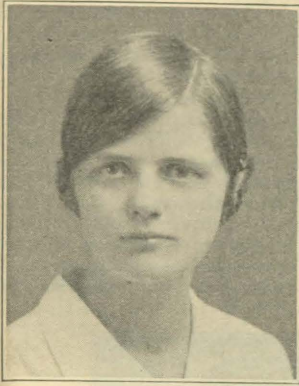
We are also pleased to state that the deaconess graduates from our Beaver Dam training-school have given a good account of themselves. The first deaconess nurse to be sent to India, Miss Louise Radke, graduated from Beaver Dam. Deaconess Adeline Harms has served in the Apache Indian Mission at White-river, Ariz., for three years. This mission is conducted under the auspices of the Wisconsin Synod. Another deaconess, Wilhelmine Boerger, who graduated at Beaver Dam in 1929, is on her way to the same mission-field.

Among the subjects which came up for discussion at the tenth anniversary meeting of our association, in November, 1929, was the question, "What can we do to relieve the crowded conditions at our Deaconess Hospital?" We firmly believe that our prayers have been answered. Last month we received word from Beaver Dam that the Chamber of Commerce is ready to help us solve the problem. Their plan is to build an annex, the cost of which has been estimated to total \$120,000. The community pledges itself to raise half of this amount. The Deaconess Association is to raise the other half and is to be given a *clear title to the property*. Our dear readers will agree with us that this is indeed a most splendid offer.

On Decoration Day two members of the Deaconess Hospital Board at Beaver Dam met with our board of directors to discuss the situation. The discussion centered about the question, "Will we be able at this time to raise the sum necessary to meet the offer?" We are fully aware of the fact that business conditions are not very good. Still we felt that an attempt ought to be made to secure the necessary support. If we fail to make the best of this wonderful offer, there are others who are ready to take up the proposition. Since we need our hospital for the future training of deaconesses, we cannot afford to allow this opportunity to slip by. It was decided to appeal to congregations within the Synodical Conference for assistance. We feel justified in approaching them for financial aid since we are serving the Church in her charitable and missionary endeavors by training deaconesses. Our work has been officially approved by various synodical Districts when the cause was presented to them. Resolutions were passed to the effect that the pastors



## Watertown Graduates.



Margaret Gieschen.



Anna Marty.



Marie Labrenz.

be requested to present the deaconess cause to the various organizations of their congregations, especially to the ladies' aids.

May God, our Savior, bless our efforts in realizing what we hope to accomplish.

#### INSTALLATION SERVICES AT WATERTOWN.

The fourth class to graduate from our Watertown training-school, which is operated in connection with our Bethesda Home, was installed on Sunday, May 4. Special services were held at St. John's Church, of which Rev. Herman F. Eggers is the pastor.

The graduates, whose pictures are shown in this issue of the LUTHERAN DEACONESS, are: Margaret Gieschen, from Milwaukee, Wis.; Anna Marty, from Leigh, Nebr.; Marie Labrenz, from Pittsburgh, Pa. Miss Gieschen is planning to take a course in practical nursing; Miss Marty will stay at Bethesda for several months; Miss Labrenz will be asked to serve in the Lutheran School for Deaf-mutes as soon as the new buildings are ready. Up to that time she will stay at Bethesda.

Graduation day is always somewhat on the order of a home-coming celebration for the graduates of former years. There were seven members of former classes in evidence. They always enjoy a visit to Bethesda, be it ever so brief.

Pastor Herman Gieschen, of Wauwatosa, Wis., an uncle of one of the graduates, preached the German sermon, choosing as his text John 10, 16: "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd." Helping to win souls for Christ is the wonderful calling of a Lutheran deaconess and has its own reward. Pastor Wm. Lochner, of Milwaukee, preached the English sermon, basing his words of encouragement and admonition on Mark 2, 1-5. The services were enhanced by a selection rendered by St. John's Choir and another by the Bethesda Deaconess Choir. After the service the ladies

of St. John's Church gave a reception in honor of the graduates and their friends. Visitors from Beaver Dam joined in the happy social event. The ladies of St. John's Church deserve special mention for their willingness to serve on such occasions, and they surely know how to serve well.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

The April issue of our LUTHERAN DEACONESS carried the announcement that at the time when the manuscript was mailed to the printer the sad news came from Beaver Dam that Deaconess Dorothea Koenig, a graduate of the Beaver Dam training-school in the class of 1929, had passed away peacefully in the night of



Dorothea Koenig, deceased.

March 23 after a brief illness. She is the first member of our company of consecrated deaconesses whom the Lord has called to His heavenly home. Her mother and one of her sisters were with her soon after she was taken ill.

Miss Koenig was the daughter of Mr. Leonard



Koenig and his wife, Hannah. She was born April 14, 1901, near Hoag, Nebr., about nine miles northwest of Beatrice. She attended the Christian day-school of Trinity Lutheran Church and was confirmed in March, 1915. In the year 1926 she went to our Deaconess Hospital at Beaver Dam, Wis., to train as a deaconess nurse. Our instructors tell us that she was very faithful in applying herself to her studies and that she gave promise to be well able to fill a position of special responsibility. She was anxious to improve her knowledge of the calling she had chosen. One of her classmates declared: "It will be hard for me to stay here at Beaver Dam now that she is gone." She had been installed as a deaconess on August 11, 1929. After a short vacation she returned to Beaver Dam to help the institution in the capacity of a deaconess nurse. While planning to take an additional course in order to qualify also as a registered nurse, she was taken ill, and now the Lord has transferred her to His heavenly home, where there is no more sorrow, sickness, nor death.

On Monday afternoon a memorial service was held at Beaver Dam at the undertaking-establishment of which Mr. L. A. Briese is a member. Pastor Kirst, of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church at Beaver Dam, spoke words of comfort, basing his address on the words of Jesus, "Work while it is day, before the night cometh when no man can work." Miss L. M. Thiele, superintendent of our Deaconess Hospital, and deaconess W. Boerger accompanied the body to Beatrice, Nebr. Funeral services were held on Thursday at Trinity Church near Hoag. Because of the illness of Pastor F. Falkenroth, Pastor J. Timken of St. Paul's Church, Beatrice, had charge of the services. He spoke on the words of St. Paul: "For me to live is Christ, for me to die is gain." Pastor F. Korbitz, formerly of Eagle, Nebr., and field secretary of the Lutheran Deaconess Association for Nebraska, who is now serving a mission at Kansas City, Kans., spoke in eloquent terms on the blessedness of the deaconess work. We again wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to her relatives and friends.

A memorial wreath amounting to \$41.25 was dedicated in her honor by friends and relatives. A wreath was donated by the Brott family for the deaconess cause. In addition to this wreath, amounting to \$8.50, the board of directors donated \$10 to the same purpose.

The Association desires to express its thanks for these memorial wreaths.

#### INSTALLATION SERVICE AT FORT WAYNE.

Services were held Sunday evening, May 18, at Concordia Lutheran Church, which is served by Pastor Walter Klausing, secretary of the Lutheran Deaconess Association. The installation sermon was delivered by Rev. Herbert Levhin, former missionary in India and at present pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church at Fort Wayne. His sermon is to be published in a later issue of our LUTHERAN DEACONESS. He spoke

on: What counts for success in the work that is to be done in the kingdom of God? Because of the fact that one member of the Senior class was taken ill and another member wished to have her parents' full consent, there was only one graduate, Miss Gesina Nardman. Her home is at North Manchester, Ind.

The Ladies' Choir of Concordia Church, under the direction of Mr. Widenhoefer, and the Deaconess Chorus, assisted by Mr. Pohlmann, rendered appropriate selections. The Fort Wayne Deaconess Ladies' Auxiliary, with the aid of ladies from Concordia Church, served refreshments during the reception that followed the service. They also presented our graduate with several gifts. We were very glad also to wel-



Gesina Nardman.

Only Fort Wayne graduate.

come some eight members of the Cleveland Deaconess Branch Society. They assured us that the supper served at the Lutheran Hospital and the refreshments at Concordia Hall were most delicious.

#### MEMORIAL WREATH.

The ladies' aid of First Trinity Ev. Luth. Church of Pittsburgh, Rev. H. Merckens, pastor, has donated a memorial wreath of eight dollars for our deaconess cause in memory of Mrs. Henry Imbusch, who had been keenly interested in our work. May the Lord's blessing rest upon the kind donors.

#### RESPOND TO PLEA.

We are very glad to report that several young ladies have made inquiries concerning our Beaver Dam training-school, which hopes to have a good enrolment by fall. Because of the fact that we receive inquiries also from Lutheran young women who prefer to take the nurses' training only, the board of directors resolved that henceforth such applicants should be accepted. Hitherto it had been our policy that all students at Beaver Dam take the dea-



coness courses in addition to the regular nurses' training-course. Our experience at Fort Wayne has taught us that there are young women who planned to take just the nurses' training. After a little while they became interested in the deaconess cause and asked to be enrolled also as deaconess students. Several of our most efficient workers had not originally planned to enter the service of the association. For this reason it was considered expedient to encourage young ladies to come to Beaver Dam and take the nurses' training. We believe that this policy will give us more students, which are sorely needed at the institution. If our plans of enlarging the hospital will carry, it will be possible to have it accredited. Then we will be able to give the Beaver Dam graduates the title of registered nurses.

### A COLLEGE EDUCATION MINUS THE BIBLE.

William Lyon Phelps, eminent critic and author, has this to say about higher education:—

"I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women; but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible. For in the Bible we have profound thought beautifully expressed; we have the nature of boys and girls, of men and women, more accurately charted than in the work of any modern novelist or playwright. You can learn more about human nature by reading the Bible than by living in New York."

### BRIEFS.

Two deaconesses, the Misses Martha Schmidt and Margaret Lauterbach, are reported on the road to recovery.

A request to place a deaconess has come from the Lutheran orphanage at Des Peres, Mo.

Mr. Aug. Becker, a member of our board of directors, will donate the sum of one thousand dollars for the extension program of our Deaconess Hospital. We surely appreciate such generosity and hope that other friends of the deaconess cause whom the Lord has also blessed with material goods will follow the example of Mr. Becker.

A committee of Fort Wayne Lutherans is busy in making plans for entertaining the Lutheran Associated Charities Conference to be held the third week in September.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual meeting of the Deaconess Association will be held Monday evening, September 29, at Emmaus Hall, Fort Wayne, beginning at 7.30, Central Standard Time.

### CHARITIES CONFERENCE.

The twenty-ninth convention of the Associated Lutheran Charities will be held at Fort Wayne from September 30 to October 2.

### Ein großartiges Anerbieten.

Schon seit einer Reihe von Jahren hatte sich die Notwendigkeit herausgestellt, daß wir unser Diakonissenhospital in Beaver Dam vergrößern müssen. Bereits im Jahre 1925 hatte sich der Mangel an genügenden Privatzimmern sehr fühlbar gemacht. Wiederholt mußten Kranke einschießen in einem der Gänge untergebracht werden. Unser Direktorium hat sich wiederholt mit der Frage beschäftigt: „Wie kann diesem Mangel an Raum abgeholfen werden?“ Doch immer waren es die Kosten, welche wir scheuten. Nun wird uns ein Ausweg gezeigt. Die Stadt Beaver Dam will uns behilflich sein, daß wir den so nötigen Ausbau an unserm Diakonissenhospital durchführen können. Der Ausbau wird nach einer Schätzung des Architekten auf \$120,000 zu stehen kommen. Von dieser Summe verspricht die Stadt Beaver Dam die Hälfte aufzubringen. Wir sollen die andere Hälfte aufbringen. Nun wir das, dann wird das ganze Eigentum uns übergeben werden. Das Eigentum repräsentiert dann einen Wert von etwa \$175,000. Gewiß ein großartiges Anerbieten. Das Hospital hat unter der Leitung unserer Behörde in Beaver Dam nicht nur seine laufenden Ausgaben gedeckt, sondern es sind auch allerlei Verbesserungen gemacht worden. Auch verschiedene Apparate, wie Röntgenmaschine, Gismaschine und dergleichen, sind angeschafft worden.

Am 30. Mai hielt unser Direktorium eine Extraversammlung ab, um diese ungemein wichtige Angelegenheit zu besprechen. Zwei Glieder unserer Hospitalbehörde von Beaver Dam, die Herren Luhte und Melcher, nahmen an den Beratungen regen Anteil. Man war sich bei der Besprechung der Sachlage wohl bewußt, daß die geschäftliche Lage zurzeit nicht sehr günstig zu sein scheint, um unsere Gemeinden in der Synodalkonferenz zu bitten, uns behilflich zu sein, diese Summe aufzubringen. Auf der andern Seite ist es uns aber auch klar, daß wir die Sache nicht gut aufschieben können. Wenn wir uns diese Gelegenheit entschlüpfen lassen, so sind andere bereit, auf das Anerbieten der Stadt Beaver Dam einzugehen, und wir verlieren dann die Leistung des Hospitals. Und das wäre für unsere ganze Diakonissenschule ein schwerer Schlag. Unser Diakonissenhospital dient ja nicht nur der Stadt Beaver Dam, sondern der ganzen Synodalkonferenz mit seiner Diakonissenschule. Hier bilden wir Diakonissen aus, die der Kirche dienen wollen in dem großen Werk der Mission und der christlichen Liebestätigkeit. Die erste Diakonissin, welche wir nach Indien sandten, Fräulein Luise Kadte, ist in unserer Diakonissenschule zu Beaver Dam ausgebildet worden. Die drei Diakonissen, welche in der Indianermission unter den Apachen in Arizona tätig sind, haben ebenfalls unsere Diakonissenschule in Beaver Dam besucht. Diese Mission in Arizona wird von der Wisconsinynode betrieben. Eine andere Diakonissin, welche ebenfalls in Beaver Dam ausgebildet worden ist, ist im Altenheim zu Arlington Heights bei Chicago tätig.

Unsere Diakonissenschaft ist von verschiedenen Diakonissynoden als notwendig und segensreich anerkannt worden. Es wurde auf verschiedenen Distriktsynoden, wie z. B. im Süd-Wisconsin-Distrikt, der Beschluß gefaßt, daß alle Pastoren gebeten werden, den Vereinen in ihren Gemeinden, besonders den Frauenvereinen, unser Diakonissenwerk ans Herz zu legen.



Wir leben daher in der guten Zuversicht, daß unsere Glaubensgenossen uns helfen werden, damit wir unser so nötiges Diakonissenhospital behalten und vergrößern können. In der nächsten Nummer unsers Diakonissenblättchens gedenken wir Näheres über den Plan mitzuteilen, wie wir die nötige Summe zu erreichen hoffen. Der treue Gott aber, der unsere Arbeit bisher so reichlich gesegnet hat, der fördere auch dieses Unternehmen zum Besten seiner Kirche!

### Installation Lutherischer Diakonissen.

Für unser Bethesda-Heim und unsere Diakonissenschule war der 4. Mai ein wichtiger Tag, wurde doch an diesem Tage wiederum eine Klasse lutherischer Diakonissen, die vierte in der Geschichte unserer Schule, feierlich abgeordnet.

Die Namen der Graduierten sind: Marie Labrenz von Pittsburgh, Pa., Anna Marty von Leigh, Nebr., und Margarete Gieschen von Milwaukee, Wis.

Die Feier fand statt in der St. Johanniskirche (P. F. S. Eggers) am Sonntag Misericordias Domini. P. Hermann Gieschen predigte auf Grund des letzten Verses des Sonntagsevangeliums, Joh. 10, 16, von der herrlichen Arbeit, Jesu, dem guten Hirten, behilflich zu sein, seine Auserwählten zur christlichen Kirche zu sammeln und zum ewigen Leben zu führen. P. Wilhelm Lochner ermunterte auf Grund von Mark. 2, 1—5 die Diakonissen durch das Beispiel jener vier Männer, die den Gichtbrüchigen zu Jesu brachten, in der Arbeit der Liebe allen Fleiß und Beharrlichkeit des Glaubens zu beweisen. Der St. Johannischor, unter Leitung Lehrer E. Matthes', und der Bethesda-Chor trugen passende Lieder vor. Lehrer O. Kolb spielte die Orgel.

Nach der Feier in der Kirche versammelten sich die Graduierten und ihre zahlreichen Freunde in dem Gemeindehaus. Der Frauenverein hatte in freundlicher Weise für Bewirtung gesorgt.

Unser Bethesda-Heim ist in den Gemeinden der Synodalkonferenz wohlbekannt. Es sind aber verhältnismäßig wenige, die von unserer Diakonissenschule etwas wissen. So kommt es auch, daß wir so wenig Schülerinnen haben. Und doch gehören unser Heim und unsere Diakonissenschule zusammen. Die Schule ist aus den Bedürfnissen des Heims herausgewachsen. Es hat in unsern Wohltätigkeitsanstalten schon immer an weiblichen Pflegern gefehlt. Solche Pflegerinnen sollten nicht nur willig sein zu arbeiten, sondern auch fähig, auf die Pfleglinge belehrend und erziehend einzuwirken, und zwar in rechtem christlichen Geiste und in herzlicher Liebe und mit Verständnis der Eigenart der Patienten.

Zu dem Zwecke haben wir seit 1925 eine Diakonissenschule, verbunden mit dem Bethesda-Heim. Unsere Schule hier hat es sich nicht zur Aufgabe gemacht, Krankenpflegerinnen für Hospitäler (trained nurses) auszubilden, sondern bereitet vor hauptsächlich für die Arbeit in Wohltätigkeitsanstalten oder in Gemeinden als Gemeindeschwestern (parish deaconesses).

Die Ausbildung ist zum Teil theoretisch, zum Teil praktisch. Die Schülerinnen werden während der zwei Jahre unterrichtet in Bibelfunde, Katechismus, Kirchengeschichte, Missionsgeschichte, Physis-

logie und Psychologie. Sie bekommen Anleitung in den Anfangsgründen der Krankenpflege. Sie werden angeleitet, unsere lutherischen Kirchenlieder zu spielen.

Hand in Hand mit dieser wissenschaftlichen Ausbildung geht die praktische Ausbildung. Vom ersten Tage an müssen die Schülerinnen tüchtig mitzufassen, gewöhnlich zuerst in der Küche, dann in der Wäscherei, in den Abteilungen, im Verbandzimmer, in dem Krankenzimmer, im Nähzimmer und in der Office. Sie erlangen dadurch eine vielseitige Ausbildung, die von großem Wert ist für ihre spätere Arbeit in Waisenhäusern, Altenheimen, Erholungsheimen. Gegenwärtig sind die fünfzehn Diakonissen, die ihre Ausbildung hier empfangen haben, in folgenden Arbeitsfeldern tätig: Matrone und Hilfsmatrone im Altenheim in Buffalo, N. Y.; Pflegerinnen (zwei) in der training-school in Addison, Ill.; im Waisenhaus in Marwood, Pa.; im Indianer-Waisenhaus in Arizona; in einer Gemeinde (als parish deaconess) in New York; in einer Gemeinde in St. Paul, Minn.; im Altenheim in Belleplaine, Minn.; College-Krankenpflegerin in Seward, Nebr.; Pflegerin im Erholungsheim in St. Louis, Mo.; Krankenpflegerin in Beaver Dam, Wis.; Matrone und Lehrerin im Bethesda-Heim in Watertown, Wis.; und eine bildet sich noch weiter aus in der Krankenpflege im Hospital in Beaver Dam, Wis.

Bisher hat Gott sich sichtbar zu unserer Arbeit bekannt. Nicht nur stehen unsere fünfzehn Diakonissen alle noch in der Arbeit, sondern sie zeigen auch großes Interesse an ihrer Arbeit und große Anhänglichkeit an ihr Bethesda-Heim und ihre Diakonissenschule. Dies zeigt sich besonders deutlich, wenn wieder einmal eine Klasse graduiert. Dann kommen die früheren Schüler, wenn sie irgend können, und nehmen an der Feier teil; oder, wenn sie nicht kommen können, schicken sie Geschenke, Briefe oder Telegramme an ihre graduierten Schwestern. Dies Jahr waren von den fünfzehn früheren Schülerinnen sieben zur Feier erschienen. Es ist kein Zweifel, die gemeinschaftliche Beschäftigung mit Gottes Wort und die gemeinschaftliche Arbeit der Liebe an den notleidenden Brüdern und Schwestern hat ein festes Band der Liebe zueinander geschaffen.

Den Diakonissen werden ihre Arbeitsfelder durch die Diakonissengesellschaft zugewiesen, und sie bleiben auch in diesen Arbeitsfeldern unter der Aufsicht der Gesellschaft. Der Unterricht in der Diakonissenschule ist kostenfrei; die Schülerinnen erhalten monatlich noch Geld für persönliche Ausgaben. Die Diakonissengesellschaft verpflichtet sich, für die im Dienst stehenden Diakonissen auch in Krankheitsfällen und im Alter zu sorgen. Die Wohltätigkeitsgesellschaften oder die Gemeinden, die Diakonissen anstellen, bezahlen für ihre Dienste an die Diakonissengesellschaft und diese erlaubt den Diakonissen monatliche Gelder in genügender Höhe, ihre persönlichen Bedürfnisse zu decken.

Solche, die in die Diakonissenschule hier eintreten wollen, sollten sich mit dem Superintendenten der Anstalt, Herrn Louis Pingel, in Verbindung setzen. Anfragen werden gerne und prompt beantwortet.

Gott der Herr, dem wir dienen, sende uns christlich gesinnte Schülerinnen. Er segne ferner unser Bethesda-Heim und unsere Diakonissenschule.

W. L. A u m a n n.



### Installationsfeier in Fort Wayne.

Diese Feier fand am 18. Mai statt in der Konkordiasirche, wo P. Klaußing steht, der Sekretär unserer Diakonissengesellschaft. Von den drei Schülerinnen der Oberklasse wird vorläufig erst eine in den Dienst unserer Gesellschaft treten, Fräulein Gefina Nordman. Eine andere Schülerin will aus Gesundheitsrücksichten ein Jahr warten, und die andere möchte die volle Zustimmung beider Eltern haben, ehe sie bei uns in den Dienst tritt. Der Damenchor der Konkordiasgemeinde sowie der Chor der Diakonissenschule trugen zur Verschönerung des Gottesdienstes bei. Nach dem Gottesdienst wurden in der Konkordiahalle Erfrischungen serviert von den Gliedern des Fort Wayner Diakonissen-Frauenvereins. Dieselben haben Diakonissin Nordman auch mit mehreren Geschenken bedacht. Zu unserer besonderen Freude waren auch dieses Mal Glieder unsers Diakonissen-Zweigvereins in Cleveland erschienen.

### Goldene Hochzeit.

Am 7. Juni durfte der Präsident unserer Diakonissengesellschaft, P. Ph. Wambsgans, mit seiner Ehefrau das seltene Fest der goldenen Hochzeit feiern. Nachmittags um 4 Uhr wurde in der Emmauskirche, an welcher der Jubilar seit Gründung der Gemeinde steht, ein besonderer Gottesdienst gehalten. P. Moll, Seelsorger der Immanuelsgemeinde, predigte über die Worte des 23. Psalms: „Er führet mich auf rechter Straße um seines Namens willen.“

Abends wurde dann in der Emmaushalle eine Feier veranstaltet, in welcher Gratulationen von überall her mit musikalischen Nummern abwechselten. Unser treuer Heiland sei auch fernerhin dem geehrten Jubelpaar Schutz und Schirm.

### Interessantes aus dem Tagebuche einer Diakonissin.

(Fortsetzung.)

Während Schwester Emilie schwer krank in der Wohnung des amerikanischen Missionars Ford darniederlag, meinte sie, ihr Ende sei nahe. Sie sehnte sich auch recht danach, bald daheim zu sein bei dem Herrn. Aber sie sollte nach Gottes Rat noch viel, viel Gutes stiften. Wider Erwarten genas sie, und obwohl sie sich noch etwas schwach fühlte, machte sie sich dennoch eiligst auf zunächst zum Waisenhaus in Beirut, wo sie, obgleich durchaus noch nicht wieder bei vollen Kräften, unter mancherlei schwierigen Verhältnissen noch ein ganzes Jahr lang gedient hat.

Außer dem großen Waisenhaus mit seinen 130 Kindern gab es noch ein großes Witwen- und Krankenhaus. In dem Krankenhause entwickelte sie ihre Haupttätigkeit. Ganz besonders lieblich hatte sich unter ihrer Leitung das Waisenhaus entwickelt, wo sie seinerzeit jene geretteten achtzehn Waisenkinder aus Sidon untergebracht hatte. P. Düsselhof erzählt, wie ihm bei einem Besuch des Waisenhauses die fröhlichen Stimmen der Wägblein entgegenschallten und wie einige in reinlichen Kleidern sich zu tranlich zu ihm nahen und ihm die Hände zum

Grüße entgegenstreckten. Ganz besonders erhebend war es, wie die Kinder bei der Christfeier in ihrer Muttersprache die herrlichen lutherischen Weihnachtslieder sangen.

Das Waisenhaus in Beirut, Syrien, trägt den Namen Zoar mit Recht. Es ist eine herrliche Zufluchtsstätte geblieben für syrische Waisenkinder. Tausende und aber Tausende haben hier den kennen und lieben gelernt, der die ewige Liebe ist, Jesus Christus, unsern Heiland. Hunderte von diesen ehemaligen Waisenkinder wirken als Ehefrauen und Hausmütter, als Kinder- und Hausmädchen, als Bibelfrauen und Diakonissen und besonders als Lehrerinnen.

Fünf Jahre lang hat Diakonisse Emilie Häuser im Orient gedient. Da es schien, als seien ihre Kräfte aufgebraucht, so entschloß sie sich, dem Drängen des Arztes nachzugeben und sich längere Zeit Ruhe zu gönnen. Mitte Mai des Jahres 1862 trat sie die Heimreise an, und groß war ihre Freude, als sie wieder in der trauten Heimat in Kaiserswerth angekommen war.

### Jahresversammlung.

Die Jahresversammlung unserer Diakonissengesellschaft findet am 29. September in der Emmaushalle zu Fort Wayne statt, abends 1/2 8 Uhr.

### Wohltätigkeitskonferenz.

Die diesjährige Versammlung findet in Fort Wayne statt, und zwar vom 30. September bis zum 2. Oktober.

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