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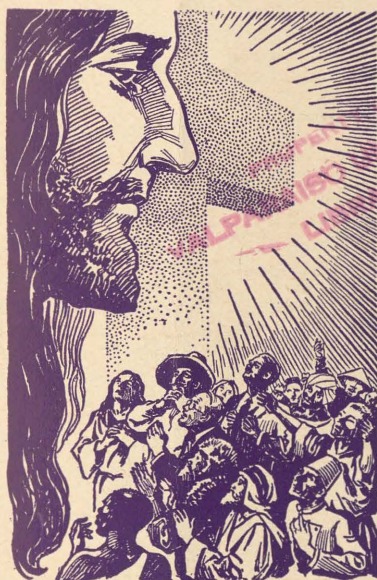
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THE SAVIOR AND THE WORLD'S NEED



"Therefore we . . . labor . . . because we trust in the Living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those that believe." I Tim. 4:10.

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and
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Jer. 50, 2.

JOHN 21, 16
"LOVEST THOU ME?"

"Lovest thou Me?"
 The Savior's gentle question.
 Despite my sinful soul
 He gives me His affection.
 As oft I sadden Him,
 His grace forgives my sin,
 He asks me lovingly,
 "Dear friend, dost thou love Me?"

"Lovest thou Me?"
 What greater love have I?
 He suffered death for me.
 The mighty God on high
 Came down and walked with us,
 Our burdens bore and woes;
 And with great love for me
 He asks, "Dost thou love Me?"

"Lovest thou Me?"
 Entrusted in Thy care,
 I can't but follow Thee
 Since Thou hast placed me here.
 Oft may my duties seem
 Heavy and burdensome;
 Dear Lord, Thou leadest me,
 Asking, "Dost thou love Me?"

"Lovest thou Me?"
 When I am apt to stray,
 Become self-confident,
 Lord, turn Thou not away,
 But may Thy kindness still
 Me with repentance fill,
 Grant grace to follow Thee
 When Thou ask'st, "Lovest thou Me?"

"Lovest thou Me?"
 Thy love compelleth me
 Ever to walk with Thee.
 Beneath Thy wings securely
 I evermore will rest.
 How am I sinner blest!
 When Thy call comes to me,
 I'll prove my love to Thee.

Esther Schabacker Hofius, class of 1929, Ft. Wayne,—†May 12, 1942.

WOMEN AS HELPERS IN THE PRACTICAL WORK OF THE CHURCH

L. B. Buchheimer, D.D.,

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Detroit

In the earliest dawn of the world's history, before any shadow of sin had cast its blight upon the fresh young world, God saw what a lonely, helpless creature man would be without the genial companionship of woman. With the unfolded map of the future history of the home, society, and the Church before Him, Divine Wisdom declared: "I will make him an helpmeet for him." And ever since then, no home, no society, no church organization has been complete where woman, man's suitable helper, has been lacking.

There is no doubt that the best work can be done by a union of the sexes. When we

consider the blessed, mighty work already accomplished by noble, consecrated womanhood, at home and abroad, the means they are raising for the work of the Lord, the souls they are turning from the power of evil by their gentle ministries and God-given tact, we can only wonder that the least doubt remains in the mind of any enlightened Christian that in public and in private, she is a forceful and successful helper.

With man, she has entered the wildest and most savage lands, faced deadly climates, all manner of horrors and perils by land and sea. Love to Christ and love to man having become the master passion of her redeemed heart, she has laid every gift and talent at the Savior's feet.

The same heroism and spirit of self-sacrifice has distinguished the lives of our women at home: wives of clergymen who serve the Master at starvation salaries. How many of them plan and toil to keep the wolf from the door, to nourish the children and to keep their spouse looking respectable! In our Sunday Schools, who for the most part make up our faculties? What a force they are to "feed the lambs" of Christ's flock! In our choirs and societies, how could we carry on without them? They are the joy and inspiration of many a pastor's heart.

Did you ever think of this that even God—this is written most reverently!—could not redeem the world without the aid of woman's instrumentality? God was born of a woman, to save the world. Who, therefore, would set a limit to her sanctified activity?

And what should we say of the work of which this Bulletin is a spokesman? Frances Willard is reported to have said that "no action more freighted with hope for humanity gilds the sunset glories of the Nineteenth Century than the establishment of the Order of Deaconesses." This is a striking expression of what has become the growing conviction of everyone who is interested in Christian work. The deaconess movement contains latent forces for service of which we have as yet formed no conception. It is not the intention of these lines to enter upon the scope and sphere of their activity. We would express our appreciation of what has, and is being done.

God bless the helpers in this practical work of the church. And let him be ashamed who does not bid them Godspeed in the work upon which God has set His seal.

DAILY HELPS AND INSPIRATIONS
Compiled by

Deaconess Margaret Spencer, R.N.

1. Let us not pray for light burdens but for a strong back.
2. The worst never happens.
3. The best way to get even is to forget.

THE INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF VALUES ITS DEACONESSES HIGHLY

Director John A. Klein,
Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit

During the 69 years of our Institute's existence our housemothers or matrons, as they were sometimes called, were many and varied, efficient and inefficient. Until about ten years ago, all housemothers had been women who served to the best of their respective abilities. However, not until we entrusted the care of our little ones into the hands of our consecrated deaconesses did many of our worries and troubles vanish.

About ten years ago, when a new director was placed in charge of the Institute, he insisted that a deaconess be called to fill the position of housemother. Through the Lord's guidance and blessing, Deaconess Martha Theilmann, a most efficient woman, was assigned to us by the then Superintendent of the Deaconess Association, the Rev. H. B. Kohlmeier. At that time our family was rather small; hence, required but one person to mother it. Since then, our enrollment has grown continually, compelling us to add more and more deaconesses to our staff so that now we have five of these consecrated women to mother our deaf children and one to serve as our bookkeeper and secretary. To assist these good workers, we employ an assistant secretary, two cooks, a laundress, and three maids.

Our deaconesses serve us most efficiently, and we value them highly. The work with deaf children being especially trying, it is not natural that transfers and changes in our deaconess staff had to be made from time to time. However, such changes were requested never because of dissatisfaction on our part with the services rendered us by the good deaconesses.

Our deaconesses have always been true to their calling. They are dependable and sincere Christian women who have dedicated their lives to our Lord and to the service of their fellow beings. They serve not for earthly gain and honor but out of love for their Savior. Love for Christ being the motive of their service, they are most patient and Christlike in all their dealings with the handicapped children entrusted to their care and loyal to the cause which they serve. Deaconesses in our service are now Marie Eifnick, Alice Klitzing, Marie Twenhafel, Marie Hartos, Louise Rathke, and Erna Bartsch. Others who have served us faithfully but who are no longer with us are Martha Theilmann, Mathilda Pfund, Clara Beckemeyer (now Mrs. J. Bethmann), Margaret Fish, Johanna Schmidt, Margaret Eifnick, and Annchen Vierck.

May our good Lord bless all our deaconesses, and may He also continue to bless the Lutheran Deaconess Association and its official personnel.

HOW A LUTHERAN DEACONESS HELPS ME IN CITY MISSION WORK

H. F. Gerecke, St. Louis City Mission

1. Our deaconess makes all investigations when new patients arrive at our large T. B. hospital. Her findings are excellent and her manner diplomatic.

2. She presents mission possibilities whenever a new patient is admitted to the hospital. Her judgment is very keen, and she classifies according to religious background.

3. Women and children are her best field of endeavor. Many have no pastor, although they claim church-membership. If possible, instruction of a simple nature is arranged, and the person is led to the cross.

4. Devotional readings are high spots in the work. She knows how to read and how much of the Bible and devotional material to use. The little ones call for her Bible stories which she can put over in such delightful manner.

5. The master-file is kept in order from day to day. It contains a short history of the patient and states religious leanings. The cards indicate what's going on in the way of spiritual work.

6. The deaconess looks after the business of emergency charity in any field. If in doubt, she consults us on some particular case. She knows her limitations.

7. Every Sunday morning she plays the little chapel organ. The services are made more desirable because she helps in such splendid manner.

8. Releases from the hospital must be followed through for a while. She visits the homes and makes arrangements for communicants to attend neighborhood churches. Our local Deaconess Society has a special case committee on such matters.

9. The deaconess reports all unbaptized cases to the missionary. This makes the field interesting. All pink cards in the master-file indicate unbaptized persons. These are watched constantly through the floor service of friendly nurses.

10. Our deaconess is well qualified to present the story of City Mission Work to women's organizations. She is in demand as a speaker on such occasions, and her talks have brought about a better understanding of City Mission Endeavors.

The women workers in our City Mission have dug up more potential mission opportunities than we can properly take care of. They are a necessity in both the institutional field and the settlement areas. The neighborhood mothers and children know them as friends. Sometimes, you find our deaconess on the corner telling a story about Jesus to a group of poor children. Pastors will find new life and exciting mission possibilities with a full-time deaconess constantly combing the neighborhood for prospects for the church.

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DEACONESS AUXILIARY, FT. WAYNE

The Deaconess Auxiliary, a group of Ft. Wayne Lutheran ladies, meets the last Tuesday of each month for the high purpose of arousing enthusiasm for the Deaconess cause. They delight in helping furnish the Home on Fairfield Avenue with curtains, bed linens, towels, etc. In fact, they help wherever they are able to help. They have been active over a long period of years. At the present time their Program Committee is planning a Hobby Show for the April Anniversary meeting. Usually an inspirational speaker is engaged by this Committee for each meeting.

Above are the officers of this organization. Front row, from left to right: Miss Louise Lankenau; Mrs. Margaret Springer; Mrs. Esther Dickmann; rear row, left to right: Mrs. Erwin Schnedler, treasurer; Mrs. Carl Hattendorf, secretary; Mrs. E. C. Rehling, vice president; Mrs. Fred Wambganss, president.



WE APPEAL TO OUR FRIENDS

On May 28, we sent out over five hundred letters to tried friends of our Lutheran Deaconess Cause. These letters were sent to destinations from Connecticut to California, from Florida to Minnesota. Yes, thank God, the Lutheran deaconess has friends everywhere in our Synod, pastors, parish school teachers, business men, housewives, maidens, Ladies' Aids, Walther Leagues, and Sunday Schools.

The letter was simple enough, just a one-page mimeographed letter, containing several true stories about some of our deaconesses at work both at home and abroad. We closed the letter by suggesting to our friends to help us in a financial way and in enlisting qualified students for next fall.

Our appeal has fallen on fruitful ground. Already on Monday morning, following the Thursday when the letters were left at the Fort Wayne postoffice, five letters arrived with gifts. And the stream of gladly-given help has been flowing ever since.

Moreover, we are greatly encouraged by the letters from our friends. We quote from one or two. Mrs. Marie Bartsch, Good Thunder, Minn., writes, "I will always be glad to help with my gifts and prayers. God bless your work." Writes Miss Emily Thomas, Forest Park, Ill., "May God bless you all for the good work you all do for God's people and may you do so in the future at His will." Writes Miss Anna A. Hutlein, St. Joseph, Mich., "Thanks for your recent letter, reminding me of your splendid work and its ever-present needs, for which I have not lost interest." Miss Anna Schlebecker, Albany, N. Y., writes that in memory of her mother who died last year and who always enjoyed giving to the Deaconess Cause, she, too, wishes to contribute to this worthy cause.

Yes, friends, on your voluntary help, next to God, the continued existence of our School is dependent. We can only say, Thank you most heartily and sincerely for the splendid manner in which you are now supporting our cause. Our prayer to God is that the number of our friends of the Lutheran Deaconess Work may multiply in number.

WHAT IS A DEACONESS?

(Excerpts from a radio address given over Station KFUP in November, 1941 by Miss Margaret Spencer, R.N., Deaconess)

What is a Deaconess anyway? How often one hears this question asked. Maybe it's a rare plant discovered by a botanist in Shaw's gardens. Maybe it's a new star discovered by a noted astronomist. Maybe it isn't.

At any rate, I know there are hundreds of people, and I'm including some of our own Lutherans, too, who do not know what a Deaconess is, or what she does, or where she works.

All right, then, what is a deaconess? I AM A DEACONESS. That naturally leads you to think that a deaconess must be a human being—yes, you could even surmise that it is a woman. A deaconess, then, must be a woman who does a particular kind of work.

Let's analyze the word and see if that won't shed a little light on the subject. The word "Deacon" means "to serve" or "one who serves." Therefore a Deaconess is a woman who serves. Whom does she serve? Her Lord and Master Jesus Christ. How does she serve Him? By serving her needy fellow men. Where does she serve? In Hospitals, Orphan Homes, Old People's Homes, Churches, Schools, City Missions and Foreign Nursing Fields. What manner of service does she render? She looks after the physical and temporal needs of others, but her primary interest lies in the spiritual welfare of the individual. Her one great purpose is to help save immortal souls.

Now doesn't that sound rather interesting? Wouldn't you like to hear more about these servants of God who are consecrating their lives to the work of the Lord's vineyard.

Rev. Herzberger saw the need for trained women workers in our Church as early as 1911. It was not until the Autumn of 1919 that our Lutheran Deaconess Association was founded. During a meeting of the Lutheran Charities Conference, a group of pastors, including Rev. Herzberger, Rev. Wambsganss, Rev. Kohlmeier and others discussed the need and possibility of starting a Training School for Lutheran women within the Synodical Conference. Pastor Phillip Wambsganss was chosen as the first President, a position he held until his death in 1933. The headquarters for this new organization were located in Fort Wayne, Ind. A beautiful home was purchased on the grounds of the Lutheran Hospital in that city. It became the Deaconess Motherhouse. The first Superintendent, the Rev. B. Poch, was called. He resided in the Home, had his office there and taught the students there. At first only girls who took the nurse's Deaconess students. Several pastors in the city besides the Superintendent, served on

the teaching staff. When the students finished the three-year course, they were not only registered nurses but trained Deaconesses as well.

The first Deaconess to finish was Miss Ida Kempf. One of the earlier graduates who is still active is Miss Clara Dienst. When she had finished her training she was sent to St. Louis is get more practical training missionary work under the able supervision of the sainted Rev. Herzberger. She worked in close cooperation with him for six months, visiting many institutions of mercy as well as hundreds of individuals. This month she is taking up her new duties as campus nurse at Valparaiso University.

Three other Training Schools were opened early in the history of the organization. One was in connection with the Bethesda Home for Feeble-minded and Epileptics in Watertown, Wisconsin, one at the Hospital in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and still another in Hot Springs, S. Dakota. The latter did not function as a Deaconess Training School very long. The others continued in much the same manner until 1932 when quite a change was made. When the superintendent resigned, Rev. H. B. Kohlmeier was called to fill his place.

In 1934 the other two training schools were closed and the Motherhouse became the Central Training School for all deaconesses. It seemed advisable to have the prospective students take their major training course first, then come to the Deaconess Training School for an intensive course in religion, diaconics, and sociology. The student who has had her special training as a teacher or nurse or social worker now enters the Fort Wayne School. The subjects taught are Bible History, History of Missions, Catechism, Psychology, Sociology, Qualifications of a Deaconess, Hymnology, Diaconics and Methods for Teaching for those who are not trained teachers. Six months of practical training are spent on the field. Certain Institutions are affiliated with the Training School and take the students into their midst to teach them the routine work in an Institution. Thus the student has the opportunity to put into practice what she has learned during the previous months. These six months also serve as a probationary period whereby the School can ascertain whether the student is qualified to do the type of work which will be expected of her after she graduates. The last six months of her training consist of a continuation of the theoretical course. It is very probable that still other changes and improvements will be made in the future.

It is the sincere desire of our organization to improve the qualifications of the workers as much as possible so that they can serve an ever greater field in an increasingly effective manner. Those who engage a Deaconess expect her to be a master in several

professions. She must be able to care for the sick, she must be an excellent teacher, especially in religion, a good executive, a perfect housekeeper in every detail, an expert social service worker; she must be able to do clerical work and is expected to have some knowledge of music.

Do all Deaconesses meet these qualifications? No, that would almost be impossible and should really not be expected. God gives every one certain talents, but He doesn't shower each one with all the known talents. There are, however, certain qualifications or virtues which every true Deaconess should possess. If she is not equipped with them in full measure before her training, she should strive very hard to acquire them as she progresses in her training. They are the following: Faith, Love, Hope, Christian Humility, Courage, Self-respect, Fidelity, Sincerity, Enthusiasm, Diligence, Affability, Neatness, Patience, Conscientiousness, Liberality, Politeness, Dignity, Chastity, Self-denial, Punctuality, Cheerfulness, Sympathy, and Tact. In other words, a Deaconess should be a sincere Christian who has love for her God and for needy fellow men.

Can YOU now answer the question, "What is a Deaconess?"

DEACONESS MATZ CONSECRATED

June 7 was another day of rejoicing in our Deaconess Movement for on that day Miss Esther Matz of Frederic, Wisconsin, was consecrated as Deaconess in Immanuel Lutheran Church here in Fort Wayne.

A processional consisting of Board Members and Deaconesses escorted Miss Matz to her place of honor near the altar. The school children sang beautifully; the writer preached on Gal. 5:13, "By love serve one another," emphasizing that love is the strongest and best motivation for the Deaconess. In a world torn by hate and strife and war, there still exists that triple miracle: God's love to us sinners, the return love of the redeemed to their Saviour, the love of the Christian to his fellow men, especially to suffering human beings. Rev. F. Heidbrink, the pastor of Emmanuel Church was the liturgist. Mrs. Otto Nahrwold, the President of our Fort Wayne Deaconess Auxiliary, pinned the Deaconess Cross upon Miss Matz, a part of the Consecration rite which is so highly significant to the Deaconess. It revives for her once again all that her Saviour has done for her by His unique sacrifice on the cross and reminds her at all times of her allegiance to Him in loving and active service.

At 12:30 a luncheon was served at Emmanuel School in honor of Deaconess Matz now popularly known as "Sunshine Esther." Miss Mildred Krohn, president of the Deaconess Auxiliary of Cleveland, and several other friends of Deaconess work from

Cleveland were present to take part in joyous event in the life of Miss Matz. The meal was excellent. Our esteemed predecessor, Pastor Kohlmeier, in a few chosen words wished Miss Matz God's best blessing. Prof. Foelber in a short dress, let the pioneer work of the past in review, telling of difficulties surmounted in years gone by and then gave an optimistic and prophetic forecast of future deaconess work within our church. Pastor Heidbrink gave short talks, the first two dealing on the spiritual side and Mr. Niemeyer expanding on, "The more we get together the happier we'll be." Miss Matz was presented with a gift by the Auxiliary. The present pronounced it a perfect get-together.

THE JOY OF THE DEACONESS

Prof. E. E. Foelber, M.A., Concordia College
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The famous preacher, C. H. Spurgeon, in his sermon on the text "He that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11, 30), makes the amazing assertion: "Even if I were utterly selfish and had no care for anything but my own happiness, I would choose, if I might, under God, to be a soul-winner, for never did I know perfect, overflowing, unutterable happiness of the purest and most ennobling order till I first heard of one who had sought and found a Savior through my means. I recollect the thrill of joy that went through me. No young mother ever rejoiced so much over her firstborn—no warrior was so exultant over a hard-won victory." This is not an overstatement. It finds a quick second in everyone who has been instrumental, in this way or that, to bring another to the Christ.

If we were asked to rank our joys, we should place the joy that comes from soul-winning immediately after the joy number one, the joy which springs from the certainty of having a Savior for one's own soul and body. Surely all other joys, based on successes of lesser worth, such as achievements in the realm of economics, physical power and suppleness, art and philosophy, legitimate though they be, are by comparison inferior.

Our deaconesses, being first of all soul-winners and soul-conservators, experience joys number one and two with unusual frequency. Like pastors and Christian teachers, they give their full time, with no other end or purpose in view, to holding up before all whom they serve the adorable Redeemer Jesus. As they, day after day, minister to the thousands entrusted to their care and speak the Word that is spirit and that is life, they draw from their fruitful labors a sweetness that pervades their entire being. There is an extraordinarily rich life. They are, in truth, a happy people.

LUTHERAN DEACONESS CONFERENCE Watertown, Wis., July 9-11

The Conference opened with an inspirational service, the theme of which was "We Are More Than Conquerors."

The devotional addresses delivered by Rev. F. H. Eggers, Rev. L. C. Kirst, Rev. Wm. Naumann, and Rev. Fred Hahn served well to motivate for future fruitful work.

The study of the Beatitudes of our Lord led by Rev. K. A. Timmel, President Erwin Kowalke of Northwestern College, and Rev. M. J. Nommensen proved to be of outstanding value.

Two special studies proved highly informative. Pastor Andrew Schulze of St. Louis, had us rethink "The Problem of Race Relations," and Pastor Martin Strasen of Milwaukee drew valuable lessons from the Book of Esther for women workers in the Church.

Two welcome visitors, who also gave winning addresses, were Dr. Enno Duemling, institutional missionary and President Leroy Rincker, of Concordia College, Milwaukee.

Two thought-provoking papers were given us by Deaconess Frieda Bremmermann on "Christian Psychiatry in Social Welfare Work," panel discussion leaders being Deaconesses Louise Moehlenbrock and Clara Strehlow, and by Deaconess Marie Twenhafel on "What May the Church Expect of the Deaconess and How Can She Meet the New Demands?" panel discussion leaders being Deaconesses Christine Seckel, Martha Boss, R. N., and Rose Ziemke.

Deaconess Beach read a paper on "Possibilities of Deaconess Work in War Time." Other papers sent in by Deaconesses who could not be present were by Deaconess Lydia Lutz on "Sympathetic Understanding of the Aged," by Deaconess Helen Kluck, R. N., on "Deaconess Work in Foreign Missions," by Deaconess Thelma Bemarkt on "Recreational Work under Supervision of a Deaconess in a Children's Home."

The banquet proved a needed relaxation to all present. Pastor Henry Nitz, the main speaker, gave us revealing facts about "Mission Work Among the Apaches in Arizona." Miss Lulu Noess, R.N., is awarded first prize for her Peter-story told in such a dramatic manner.

In a short address special recognition was given to the deaconesses present who so faithfully had served as Deaconesses for fifteen years, namely, Deaconesses Clara Strehlow, Henrietta Nanke, Ida Stolte, and Lulu Noess, R.N.

This Conference was definitely a work Conference. We need refer only to the large number of data gathered so laboriously by Deaconess Nanke in her statistical report, to prove that the Deaconesses had put much time and effort in their Conference program.

New officers elected to serve for the coming year are: Deaconess Clara Dienst, R.N.,

president; Deaconess Martha Boss, R.N., vice president; Deaconess Marie Twenhafel, secretary.

The 1943 Conference will be held in Chicago.

SEEING STARS

• Kimble Young in his textbook, *Introduction to Sociology*, writes: "It is perhaps safe to say that the mother is the most important person anyone will ever meet." If that is so, what an important position do many of our deaconesses fill who in orphanages, in institutions like the Bethesda Home for the Feeble-Minded in Watertown, Wisconsin, and the Institute for the Deaf in Detroit, act as mothers to hundreds of children, washing them, dressing them, playing and praying with them.

• "Their works do follow after them." Miss Sophie Salzbrenner, of Indianapolis, Ind., who died in January of this year, left our Deaconess Association a legacy of \$500.00. What a satisfaction for a dying Christian to know that after death his or her gift will be a benediction to Deaconess Work. May others follow in the footsteps of Miss Salzbrenner in her love for the "maiden of mercy."

• Deaconess Henrietta Nanke, Addison, Ill., received a letter from the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross commending her splendid cooperation and service in the War Fund Campaign.

• Over in Clintonville, Wis., Marian Speckhard, daughter of the Rev. W. O. Speckhard, wrote on the theme "My Future Occupation As Lutheran Deaconess," for English class at high school. Her father writes that this calling for his daughter would be much to his liking. That day, when our pastors' families furnish us with more students for Deaconess work, will mark a definite up-trend in this work.

• Prof. E. E. Foelber, M.A., presented the cause of the Lutheran Deaconess at the Convention of the English District, held at River Forest, Illinois, while your Superintendent did the same thing at the Michigan District Convention held at Monroe. At both Synods much interest was shown for the full-time woman worker in the Church.

• George W. Crane, Ph.D., M.D., in his *Applied Psychology*, in the chapter dealing with the qualifications of a good teacher, makes this highly pertinent remark: "It should be evident that it does not become any young Ph.D. to ridicule the religious tenets of the 18-year-olds who sit in their classes, and who lack the forensic training to defend themselves and their beliefs." We should like to add, neither does it become the old Ph.D.'s to ridicule the religious convictions of his students. By the way, a pastor, a parish-school teacher, or a deaconess will do well to read this informative book.

• Down in Ponca City, Oklahoma, little

Billy Lee Stratton worked very diligently on his Sunday School project, The Lutheran Deaconess. After exchanging a few letters with Billy, we learned to our amazement that Billy was a young girl. Well, anyone who has so much initiative as to choose such a manly project as that chosen by Billy must have some masculine qualities. More power to you, Billy!

• Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, President of Valparaiso University, sees a bright future for the Lutheran Diaconate. His conviction is that Valparaiso University is in a position to offer several courses to our Deaconess students to prepare them the better for their future work. Sounds reasonable and applicable.

• We should like to attract your attention to this publicity number of *The Deaconess* which contains such penchant and appropriate articles on the Diaconate written by well-known leaders of our church. These writers are: Rev. L. B. Buchheimer, D.D., Detroit pastor and prolific writer; Rev. Guerecke, successful city missionary of St. Louis, Mo.; Prof. E. E. Foelber, M.A., Pro-

fessor at Concordia College and Vice President of our Association; Director John Klein, efficient executive of the Institute for the Deaf in Detroit; Deaconess Margaret Spencer, R.N., president of the Deaconess Conference and Superintendent of the Lutheran Altenheim, St. Louis, Mo.

HISTORICAL GLEANINGS

Five Years ago the Deaconess Conference held its convention at the Institute for the Deaf, in Detroit, July 15 to 17, 1937.

On Sunday, June 20, 1937, the class of two deaconesses was consecrated at Zion Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Ten Years ago on June 8, 1932 the Board of Directors elected pastor H. B. Kohlmeier to succeed the Rev. B. Poch as superintendent of the L. D. A.

Deaconess Amelia Doctor was commissioned for service in the foreign mission of India, on July 27, 1932.

Fifteen Years ago three deaconesses were called into the mission fields of India.

H. I. N.

DEACONESSES ACCORDING TO THEIR STATIONS

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| <p>Old Folk's Home, 7500 W. North St., Wauwatosa, Wisconsin:
Noess, Lulu, R.N.</p> <p>Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Beaver Dam, Wis.:
Poetter, Frieda.
Pfund, Matilda.
Pohlmann, Bertha.
Schumann, Alma.</p> <p>Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis.:
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Seckel, Christine.
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Twenhafel, Marie.
Hartos, Marie.</p> <p>Lutheran Home for the Aged, 2116 Dover Rd., Westlake, Ohio:
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Herzberg, Martha, Matron.</p> <p>Lutheran Altenheim, 8721 Halls Ferry Rd., St. Louis, Mo.:
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Schmidt, Johanna.</p> <p>Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.:
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