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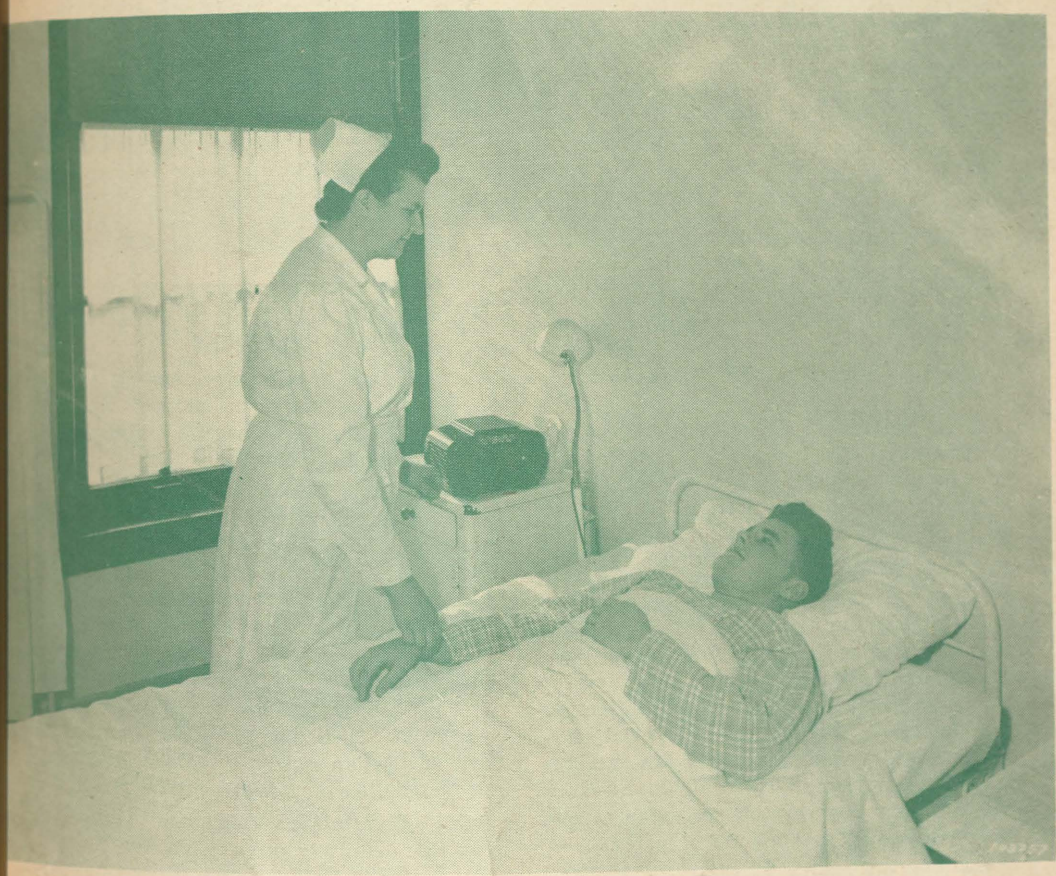
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THE DEACONESS AS A NURSE. This picture shows Deaconess-Nurse Matilda Pfund ministering to one of her patients at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Besides serving at our church colleges, Deaconess-Nurses are urgently needed today for service in foreign and inner missions, in hospitals, and in charitable institutions. Read President Rincker's informative article in this issue of the LUTHERAN DEACONESS on the service of Miss Pfund at our Milwaukee Concordia.

MY PRAYER

O God, for another day, for another morning, for another hour for another minute, for another chance to live and serve Thee, I am truly grateful.

Do Thou this day free me:
From fear of the future;
From anxiety of the morrow;
From bitterness toward anyone;
From cowardice in face of danger;
From laziness in face of work;
From failure before opportunity;
From weakness when Thy power is at hand.

But fill me with:
Love which knows no barrier;
Courage that cannot be shaken;
Faith strong enough for the darkness;
Strength sufficient for my tasks;
Loyalty to Thy Kingdom's goal;
Wisdom to meet life's perplexities;
Power to lift men unto Thee.

Be Thou with me for another day and use me as Thou wilt; in Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Wallace Fridy

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL WORK

Sometimes one hears the expression as though social work is a phase of church work which is a modern trend. One is lead to think that the Church of Jesus Christ must progress to the point that she begin social work.

The fact of the matter is that social work was initiated by the mother church in Jerusalem when deacons were appointed to minister to the needy. The Gentiles in Greece and Macedonia practiced social service when they gathered funds for the sufferers in Jerusalem. According to Eusebius the Christian congregation in Rome at one time ministered to 1,500 unfortunates.

Perhaps we would do well to recapture the social service ideals and practices of the early Christian Church. The *caritas*, the charity of the Ancient Church, as Uhlhorn points out so well, reached a standard in social service which organized and institutionalized charity has not as yet attained. "Behold, how the brethren love one another."

DEACONESS FLORENCE STORCK TO LECTURE

Deaconess Florence Storck will serve as Field Deaconess after January 1, 1947.

Miss Storck has been successively active in City Mission Work, St. Louis, Mo. since 1940. She has seen a murderess, a dope-fiend, wayward young women come to Christ through her ministrations.

Last May she lectured in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho under the auspices of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of that District and was very favorably received.

Miss Storck is an inspiring lecturer, lives her stories, as she tells of case after case of the forlorn whom she has seen accept Jesus as the all-sufficient Saviour.

Any Lutheran Women's League, any ladies' aid, or any other group desirous of scheduling Miss Storck for a lecture, write either to Miss Florence Storck, 4209 Bate Street, St. Louis 16, Mo. or to Rev. A Krentz.

RELIGIOUS COURSE A MAJOR IN RELIGION

A full four-year course leading to the A. B. degree has been adopted for deaconess students at Valparaiso University. A great academic victory!

Tentatively, Valparaiso University plans to offer three courses in Bible: The Old Testament, The New Testament, The Teachings of Jesus. Two courses in Doctrine will be offered: Christian Doctrines and Comparative Christianity. Other courses offered will be: Christian Art, The Church and Her Work, Psychology of the Christian Personality, Christianity and Modern Problems, Representative Christian Thinkers, History of Early Christian Church, Christian Ethics, and Principles of Religious Education.

We congratulate Valparaiso University upon this definitely progressive step in offering a major in Religion. We congratulate the Deaconess Association for meeting the demands of our time by resolving to put deaconess education on the American standard, which is a four-year college course.

Now we are equipped to serve our Church better by placing our deaconesses on the same level with other professionally trained people.



This picture was taken by the FORT WAYNE NEWS-SENTINEL at the time of the annual meeting. First row, left to right; Rev. H. H. Backs, Prof. E. E. Foelber, M.A., Rev. E. Malkow, Deaconess Florence Storck, Rev. Walter Klausung. Second row, left to right: Rev. W. H. Bouman, Rev. Arnold Krentz, Mr. Henry Branning, Mr. Oscar Salzbreunner.

Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Deaconess Association

Approximately 250 fellow Lutherans attended the annual luncheon meeting of the Lutheran Deaconess Association within the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America at St. Paul's Lutheran Hall, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Friday, November 8th, 6:30 p.m.

Principal speaker for the meeting was the Rev. Emanuel Malkow, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Cleveland, and member-at-large of the board of directors. Emphasizing the Saviour's love toward us and our responsibility in His kingdom, he stated, "Jesus has given us the assurance, 'Lo, I am with you always.' He founded His kingdom of grace among men. In the Lord's Prayer we pray, 'Thy kingdom come.' 'The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself; but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also. How is this done? When our Heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit,' so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word and lead a godly life, here in time and hereafter in eternity."

If we believe His inspired Word and live His truth in our lives, we are helping to build His kingdom. Things which harm His kingdom include misbelief and ungodly life. Worldliness, unbelief, despair are the causes of problems in this world. Jesus says, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.' We need this command more than ever today. His promise is just as certain today as it was centuries ago. In view of God's great promises and in view of the urgent needs, the Church should make greater efforts to train Christian workers for His kingdom."

Miss Florence Storck, deaconess of the Lutheran City Mission of St. Louis, related several touching experiences in her work among various patients. Her work as a Lutheran deaconess is giving rich evidence of the truth, "His Word shall not return void."

The Rev. Walter Klausung and Prof. E. E. Foelber were re-elected to the Board of

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FIELD WORK BY DEACONESS STUDENTS

Deaconess students at Valparaiso University desire to do field work during the coming summer months.

Such field work is part of the educational program outlined for Deaconess students.

Some of these students will have completed one, others two years of college work.

These students can type, make calls, teach in vacation Bible school, etc.

See picture of our student group in this issue of the *Lutheran Deaconess*.

Any congregation, mission, or charitable institution desirous of employing a Deaconess student for the summer months, kindly write to Rev. Arnold Krentz. Address found above.

BUILDING FUND**The First Thousand Dollars**

Elsewhere on these pages is recorded the fact that the Lutheran Deaconess Association at its annual meeting resolved to begin a building fund.

At Valparaiso we rent a building to house our Deaconess students. Although double-deckers are used for all students, yet we are unable to house them in this building. We had to rent space in a private home for two students.

As you can well imagine, our student group will definitely grow. This year we have thirteen freshmen. Since the course for Deaconess students is a four-year course, simply multiply four times thirteen and you will get a faint idea how many students we shall likely need to house in the years that lie ahead.

Therefore we are coming to our friends—ladies aids, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the Walther League societies, Sunday Schools and individuals—with the request to send us a donation for this needed building.

Who will make the start???

SINCERE THANKS

The students of the Deaconess Chapter House, Valparaiso, Ind., and the matron, wish to express their deep gratitude to St. John's congregation, Wanatah, Ind., and Immanuel congregation, Valparaiso, for their donations of canned goods, fresh fruits, and vegetables. Gifts such as these are greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Sylvia Trautmann, Matron

Perhaps some women's group would like to gladden the hearts of our matron and our students by a food shower. Address: Deaconess Chapter House, 605 Chicago St., Valparaiso, Ind.

Perhaps we need a little more of social religion. We need to cultivate a love for all races and colors and strata of mankind. So Jesus did; so Paul did.



OUR DEACONESS STUDENT GROUP at the Chapter House, Valparaiso, Ind. First row, left to right: Hazel Schultz, Grace Braeger, Shirley Kemp, Marian Speckhard; second row: Eunice Bunte, Lois Roepke, Lydia Mantei, Grace Pomeranke, Lois Jank; back row, Mrs. Sylvia Trautmann, matron, Kathleen Rubow, Helen Eliopoulos, Rose Bauer, Norma Greenler, Elaine Schiebinger, Gloria-dawn Stark, Dorothy Gohr.

INTO ALL THE WORLD

Christ is the keystone of all my attitudes toward the ministry. His Gospel is not just a message for the Missouri Synod at large; nor is it only a teaching that I ought to bring to the heathen in St. Louis or Montana or Africa. The Gospel is a power that must work first of all in my own life. It is a power that has raised me from a fatal state of sin to the position of a saint and a servant of Jesus Christ. And it is a power that can help me to realize and face the responsibilities and grave implications of being a servant of Jesus Christ.

My job as a servant of Christ is to serve Him in everything I do. Everything that I do—whether it is organizing a mission or playing golf or taking extra courses at the University—must be not for my own but for God's glory. I am spending my life as a soldier in Christ's army. Christ's theater of

operations is the whole world, wherever there are men with souls. Christ is the General; and it's not for me to condition my service to Him according to my own likes or dislikes. It is not my choice. Perhaps He will call me to foreign service; perhaps He will use me here on the home front. But in either case, my attitude should be the same. I ought to be willing as His Servant to serve Him with all my strength wherever and whenever He needs and wants me.

Such a Christ-centered outlook puts real backbone and force into our education. It makes of us men who are able to do powerful service for our Savior.

Williard Bruce in *The Seminarian*.

More soldiers went from America to the Philippines in six months than have ever gone as missionaries to all countries from America.

STATION LDA

● Sitting in the public library, Wausau, Wis., we enter into a conversation with a Catholic nun. We find that she is a teacher in a Catholic high school. She informs us that there are 1000 sisters in her particular order. We jab ourselves and resolve, Up and doing; we must increase our Deaconess student enrollment at Valparaiso University. Yes, 1,000 deaconesses.

● How do you like the pictures in this issue of our publication? We thought you might be particularly interested in our Valpo student group. With us they are "tops." It would be a fruitful idea to show these pictures to girls in your Walther League for the purpose of motivating them to take the Deaconess Course. We want those 1,000 Deaconesses.

● While preaching for Pastor Pohl, Zanesville, Ohio, we were dinner guests of a most unusual family of three. Formerly they were Methodists. The father had left the Masonic order, the mother has seceded from the Eastern Star and the son had renounced the De Molay order, of which he had been the spiritual advisor. How their eyes glistened when they expressed their gratitude for finding the truth in the Lutheran Church.

● We preached for Pastor J. H. Baumgaertner in Milwaukee on December 1. During the second service so many people attended that the overflow crowd worshipped in the basement of the church. Capitol Drive Church is planning a beautiful new church edifice. By invitation of Visitor Baumgaertner we returned the following Friday evening to address the Milwaukee-Sheboygan Circuit of the English District on Deaconess Work. We stayed over until Sunday when we preached for Pastor Frank Luley who is sick with a heart condition, but is, thank God, on the gain.

● In his monthly bulletin, *The Lutheran Visitor*, Pastor L. F. Brighton, Galesburg, Ill., published interesting data about Deaconess Work in both the June and July issues. His idea seems to have real merit. Why not quote from this issue of the *Lutheran Deaconess* in your church bulletin? Do you desire a cut found in this issue? Just drop us a line to that effect.

● While preaching for Pastor Acker in Omaha, Nebr., we visit his Sunday School. The first child we see there is a little Japanese girl. Fine! Our Church is definitely reaching



Wisconsin leads in Deaconess students at Valpo. Seated, from left to right, Marian Speckhard, Grace Braeger, Gloriadawn Stark; standing, Hazel Schultz, Lois Jank. Two of these, Miss Jank and Miss Speckhard, are pastors' daughters. "On Wisconsin"—send us more students.

out in her mission program. We find the superintendent of the Sunday School to be none other than "Bill" Harms. "Bill" roomed across from us in St. Paul in 1910-1911. Both Pastor Acker and his assistant, Pastor Temme, show a great interest in our Deaconess program, otherwise Pastor Acker would not have invited us to preach in his fine church.

● Up in Denver we preach for Pastor Gieseler. He is attending the University—we like that spirit. Dewey's philosophy that the objective of education is growth is quite correct. And growth is possible at every age. Attending a University serves as a tonic for a pastor. Incidentally Pastor Gieseler gave us as large a memorial wreath as we have ever received, \$100.00 in memory of his sainted mother, Mrs. Caroline Gieseler. Thanks, Brother.

● We welcome three newly elected members to the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Deaconess Association: Rev. W. H. Bouman, Mr. G. M. Schmidt, and Mr. Oscar Kiefer. Pastor Bouman serves Emanuel Church, Soest (near Ft. Wayne), and is the son of Pastor H. J. Bouman, Sr., formerly president of the Minnesota District; Mr.

DEACONESS MATHILDE PFUND

Concordia College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is fortunate to have in charge of its health center Miss Mathilde Pfund, a deaconess with a natural aptitude for nursing and a splendid record of achievement in every phase of her work. Miss Pfund came to Concordia in September, 1942, after having gleaned precious experience as supervisor of boys at the School for the Deaf in Detroit and nurse at the Lutheran Hospital in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. In four and a half years at the college she has established herself in the hearts of all students as indispensable to their well-being and in the estimation of the administration as a most efficient nurse and a valued assistant in the important field of counselling.

The necessity for maintaining adequate health service for the students was recognized a great many years ago. A separate hospital building was erected in the early years of the school. The president of the school himself nursed the patients who suffered from colds and other minor ailments. When the number of bed patients taxed his time and strength too heavily, he engaged a nurse for the period of the emergency. Everybody knew that the ideal arrangement was to engage a full-time resident nurse, and longed for the day when Concordia's treasury could afford this necessary service. After years of waiting this hope was realized in 1924 when the present Refectory Building was erected. Plans included space for a well-equipped infirmary with room for twenty beds, an isolation section, a clinic room, and a suite of rooms for a full-time nurse. Since then Concordia has set the pace in this matter of efficient service for many institutions of the Church.

Miss Pfund is the fourth nurse to serve Concordia since 1924. She includes in her personality and capacity the good qualities of all her predecessors. She tackles a great



Deaconess students from Michigan and Ohio. Miss Shirley Kemp, left, lives in Port Huron, Mich., while Miss Norma Greenler, right, calls Holgate, Ohio, her home.

volume of work daily with dispatch and without complaint. The present large enrollment sometimes crowds her calendar with nearly 200 clinic cases a day. Friendly and courteous at all times, she has the added gift of winning the cooperation of the students in matters of routine and discipline without sternness and severity. In the many problems which young men are wont to bring to their mothers, Miss Pfund has won general confidence and has helped many students with her wise and understanding counsel.

Concordia has a better understanding of the noble work which the Lutheran Deaconess Association is doing as a result of the splendid job that Miss Pfund has done during the past years. It is aware of the new ventures of the Association and sincerely hopes that the continuing and diversifying services of Lutheran deaconesses will redound to ever greater glory to God and nobler service to His Church.

Leroy C. Rincker

G. M. Schmidt, teaches at Bethlehem Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, and is the son of the sainted Dr. C. C. Schmidt, widely known in our Synod. Mr. Oscar Kiefer is a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, and is treasurer of the Perfection Biscuit Co.

ANNUAL MEETING

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Directors. Vacancies in the Board were filled by the election of Messrs G. M. Schmidt, Oscar Kiefer, and the Rev. Walter Bouman, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

The following resolution was adopted by the Association:

Whereas our deaconess student enrollment is steadily increasing, and

Whereas it is difficult to rent adequate quarters for our purposes,

Therefore:

Be it resolved that we start a Building Fund for the purpose of ultimately erecting our own building to house Lutheran deaconess students.

The revised constitution of the Deaconess Association was read, discussed, and adopted.

Mr. Oscar Salzbrenner, treasurer of the Association, presented his annual report. This report was received and referred to the auditors.

The Rev. Arnold Krentz, superintendent of the Deaconess Association, emphasized sixteen points in the deaconess training and service. He began by announcing his motto for the annual meeting, "Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord." Romans 16:2.

These are the points presented by the superintendent: 1. Deaconess Education and Service; 2. Publicity; 3. Finances; 4. The Lutheran Deaconess Publication; 5. Buildings; 6. Pension Plan; 7. Academic Standing; 8. Graduates; 9. New Students; 10. Placement; 11. Foreign Missions; 12. Scholarships; 13. Solicitors; 14. Deaconess Conference; 15. Board of Directors; 16. Future Expansion.

Pastor Krentz reported that sixteen students enrolled in the deaconess school at Valparaiso University are receiving a full four-year course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The Deaconess Chapter House near the University Campus has a new matron in the person of Mrs. Sylvia Trautmann, widow of the late Pastor Trautmann, of New Palestine, Indiana.

The superintendent informed the Association that pastors are manifesting much interest in the Christian program of the Deaconess Association and that many are vailing themselves of the beautiful new



Deaconess student Gloriadawn Stark plays the clarinet in the University Band. Our students take music lessons, either piano or pipe organ. Several sing in Valpo's noted choir. Such musical training equips for better Deaconess service.

pamphlet, "Your Talents Needed in Building My Kingdom," which is being offered to pastors for free distribution in their congregations and societies.

In his closing remarks Pastor Krentz stated, "The work of the Church of Jesus Christ is ever expansive. Under the gracious guidance of the Lord Deaconess Service will become an ever greater benediction to our Church. With God's help the program of the Association, the building of Christ's kingdom, moves forward!"

Deaconesses who were in attendance at the annual meeting included Miss Florence Storck, St. Louis; Miss Lydia Lutz Cleveland; Miss Frieda Bremermann, Chicago; Miss Nettie Kimberley, Fort Wayne.

Various touches which enhanced the annual meeting included a special hymn, "Onward, Christian Worker" written by Rev. H. H. Backs; music by a string ensemble of Concordia College; community singing under the direction of Prof. E. E. Foelber with Mrs. Hannah Hitzeman serving as accompanist. The delicious luncheon was served by ladies of St. Paul's Church, Fort Wayne.

H. H. Backs