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## THE DEACONESS'S PRAYER.

I dedicate myself to Thee,  
O Lord, my God! This work I undertake  
Alone in Thy great name and for Thy sake.  
In ministering to suffering, I would learn  
The sympathy that in Thy heart did burn  
For those who on life's weary way  
Unto diseases divers are a prey.  
Take, then, mine eyes and teach me to per-  
ceive  
The ablest way each sick one to relieve.  
Guide Thou my hands that e'en their touch  
may prove  
The gentleness and aptness born of love.  
Bless Thou my feet, and while they softly  
tread,  
May faces smile on many a suffering bed.  
Touch Thou my lips, guide Thou my tongue;  
Give me a word in season for each one.  
Clothe me with patient strength all tasks  
to bear,  
Crown me with hope and love, which know  
no fear,  
And faith that, coming face to face with  
death,  
Shall e'en inspire with joy the dying breath  
And through the arduous day my actions  
guide  
And through the lonely night watch by my  
side.  
So I shall wake refreshed, with strength  
to pray:  
Work in me, through me, with me, Lord,  
this day. PHOEBE.

## TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL MEETING OF DEACONESS ASSOCIATION.

### Tenth Anniversary.

November 10, 1929, will go down in the history of our Deaconess Association as a red-letter day because on that day we celebrated the tenth anniversary of our society. The annual meeting was held at the parish house of Emmaus Congregation at Fort Wayne. The senior pastor of the congregation has been serving the association as president since it

was organized ten years ago. Delegates from various cities where branch societies have been organized were present. The easternmost representative was Mr. Albert Legenhusen, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Pastor Ilse had brought with him a representative delegation from Cleveland. Pastor Kirst and Mr. Lutzke represented the Beaver Dam Branch Society.

The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation." The president's address followed, which sounded the key-note for the entire celebration: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but alone to Thy name belongs all honor and glory."

Mr. Ernest Niemeyer, treasurer, reported that the permanent maintenance fund now totals somewhat over \$6,000. Unless special efforts will be made to increase our revenues, this fund will not grow very rapidly; for beginning with the new year the allowance of our deaconesses in the service will be raised from thirty to forty dollars a month. An itemized statement of the treasurer's report will be published in another column of our LUTHERAN DEACONESS.

### Annual Meeting.

In view of the fact that the tenth anniversary of our association was to be observed in connection with the annual meeting, the superintendent prefaced his annual report with a historical sketch. Going back into history, he showed that the deaconesses of the early Church were a great asset to her missionary and charitable endeavors. Luther championed the cause of woman helpers in the service of the Church. He pointed out the fundamental difference between the sisterhoods of the Roman Catholic Church, the members of which engage in charity work chiefly as a means to merit the grace of God, and the deaconesses of the early centuries of the Christian era, who were prompted by the love of Christ to help in the great fields of missions and charities.

The pioneer of the modern deaconess movement was Pastor Theodore Flidner at Kaiserswerth, Germany, who realized the great need of trained woman helpers for special depart-



Wilhelmina Boerger.



Frieda Poetter.



Margaret Lauterbach.

ments of church-work. He was the founder of many institutions of mercy. He began in a very humble way to provide shelter for discharged woman prisoners. To carry on this type of mission-work he trained woman helpers. This was the beginning of the modern deaconess movement. In a comparatively short time other institutions of mercy, such as an orphans' home, a home for cripples, a hospital, and other homes for charitable endeavors, were

An orphans' home was established at Smyrna, Asia Minor, in 1856. The next year a hospital was built at Alexandria, Egypt. These institutions were placed in charge of efficient deaconesses, and through their services many souls were led to Christ.

In 1849 William Passavant, pastor of a Lutheran congregation at Pittsburgh, Pa., founded a hospital in that city and placed it in charge of deaconesses who had been trained at Kaiserswerth. This was the beginning of the deaconess movement in our country, which has since grown to large proportions. Of the larger church-bodies we of the Synodical Conference were the last to take up this wonderful work. Pastor F. W. Herzberger, the first city missionary in our circles, together with Pastor Ph. Wambsganss, were instrumental in bringing about the organization of our Lutheran Deaconess Association within the Synodical Conference. The great need of a training-school for deaconesses had been discussed at several meetings of the Associated Lutheran Charities. Eventually at a meeting held at Fort Wayne in 1919 the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that we ask the Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital Association to give our proposed training-school for deaconesses headquarters in their institution to train its members for their profession." After some deliberation the hospital board agreed that a deaconess training-school be operated in connection with the nurses' training-school for the benefit of the parties concerned.



Martha Herzberg.

The next forward step was a campaign for memberships. The response was so generous as to enable the association to pay not only all initial expenses, but to acquire also a property known as the Deaconess Home, located on the beautiful hospital grounds on Fairfield Ave. of Fort Wayne. A group of pastors of the city signified their willingness to serve as instructors in the training-school for deaconesses. Pastor F. Wambsganss opened classes on April 15, 1921. Five students were enrolled. Miss Ina Kempff was the first graduate. In

going up at Kaiserswerth. The management of these homes was entrusted to the capable deaconesses trained by Pastor Fliedner. His example was followed by many men throughout Europe. Charitable institutions and training-schools for deaconesses were being established in Germany, Holland, England, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian countries. Having read of conditions obtaining in heathen lands, Pastor Fliedner realized the great value of hospitals and homes of mercy in these countries.

the spring of 1923 the entire instruction was taken over by Pastor John Graebner, who served faithfully until a superintendent was called, who took charge of the classes. In order to relieve the president of a great amount of correspondence Pastor C. Kretzmann served as secretary until December, 1923.

#### Beaver Dam, Wis.

In the fall of 1921 a most urgent appeal for deaconess nurses was issued by friends at Beaver Dam, Wis. The citizens of this community were desirous of establishing a hospital which might be placed under the management of deaconess nurses. A spacious residence, located on the picturesque shores of Beaver Lake, was acquired and transformed into a hospital. Dedication services were held January 29, 1922. A training-school was opened with an enrolment of five students. One of these students, Miss Louise Rathke, was our first deaconess to enter the Foreign Mission field in India, where she has been extremely successful in her work. To create greater interest in the Deaconess Hospital, a branch association was organized at Beaver Dam, of which Pastor Kirst is president.

For a time a training-school was conducted in connection with the Lutheran Sanitarium and Hospital at Hot Springs, S. Dak. Two deaconesses were graduated from this school in 1927.

#### Bethesda, Watertown, Wis.

In 1925 a training-school was opened in connection with our largest charitable institution, the Bethesda Lutheran Home for Feeble-minded and Epileptics. From the very beginning this school has been very successful in training Lutheran young women to take positions as parish-workers and to help in charitable institutions. Fifteen deaconesses have graduated from this school within three years, and every one of them is still in our service. The training-school at Bethesda as well as the other schools have proved to be an asset to our Lutheran Zion in her great fields of missions and charities.

### ANNUAL SURVEY.

October 1, 1928, to October 1, 1929.

Sixteen students were enrolled at our Fort Wayne school, the largest number in the history of the institution. A total of 243 periods of instruction was given. In addition to the classes conducted at the Deaconess Home three weekly Bible meditations are offered at the Nurses' Home by the hospital chaplain, Pastor E. Weber. We are pleased to state that also during the past year our deaconess students ranked very high in their studies at the Nurses' Training-school. A senior of the deaconess graduating class shared honors with a student nurse who is not taking the deaconess course in having the highest class average. This year's graduating class was the largest in the history of our Fort Wayne school. One

of the graduates, Miss Esther Schabacker, who has charge of the Lutheran Hospital at Yuma, Colo., has volunteered to serve in India and is expected to go there this year.

A vote of thanks is due the Young Women's Deaconess Society of Cleveland, which has supplied our students with the necessary books for deaconess-training. This society as well as the Young Women's Deaconess Society of St. Louis remembered the graduates with appropriate gifts. At the monthly social gathering held at the Deaconess Home, letters are read from deaconesses in the service. The letters from India are particularly instructive.

Mention must be made also of the splendid help given our deaconess cause by the members of our Fort Wayne Deaconess Auxiliary, who have continued to remember the graduates with an appropriate book. In addition they also helped in the past year to improve the rooms reserved for the deaconesses in the home on Fairfield Avenue.

#### Beaver Dam, Wis.

A detailed report on the activities at Beaver Dam appeared in the October issue of our LUTHERAN DEACONESS. There were five graduates, all of whom have been placed. It was the largest class in the history of our Beaver Dam Training-school. We have, however, not been able to secure a sufficient number of deaconess students to take the places of our graduates. We believe that the only solution lies in the enlargement of the hospital, which will enable us to apply for accreditation. It is our fervent wish also that eventually the Beaver Dam Hospital will become the property of the association. Steps have been taken which, we hope, will ultimately bring about desired results. The financial status of the hospital compares very favorably with the figures of former years. The instruction in the special deaconess subjects was supplied by Pastors J. M. Nommensen and Wm. T. Naumann. The ladies' aid and sewing-circle of St. Stephen's Church continued their loyal support of the Deaconess Hospital.

#### Watertown.

Classes were conducted regularly by the superintendent, Mr. L. Pingel, and Pastor Wm. T. Naumann, chaplain of the institution. Eight students were enrolled, four of whom were graduated. Deaconess Erna Heck, formerly assistant matron at the Buffalo Hospice, was transferred to Watertown to assist the matron at Bethesda. It is worthy of note that despite the apparently distressing environment the students at Bethesda, who are in daily contact with much suffering and distress, are extremely fond of their school.

#### Publicity Work.

The leading church-papers within the Synodical Conference have referred to the work carried on by our association. In addition the *Walther League Messenger* and various District publications have enthusiastically sup-

ported our cause. We are glad to have a number of pastors who represent our work whenever an opportunity presents itself. Pastors Destimon and Ilse have promoted our cause in the Central District, Pastor Korbitz in Southern, and Pastor Schleef in Northern Nebraska. Pastor Naumann had occasion to address a conference of the Watertown Circuit. Pastor Moebus served our cause well down in Texas. The secretary of the Milwaukee branch society, Miss Helene Koepke, has been very active in securing new members. She has been ably assisted by Mrs. M. Jungton. The largest number of ladies' aids supporting our work is at Pittsburgh. The number of ladies' aids assisting our work is steadily increasing. We had an opportunity to place an exhibit of our work at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago after the convention of the Delegate Synod at River Forest, Ill. Soon after, we joined the display of the local Lutheran Hospital during the Walther League convention. A letter of appreciation was sent to Dr. P. E. Kretzmann, of St. Louis, who has written a book of particular value and interest to deaconesses. This book was published under the auspices of our association; it bears the title *The Christian Woman as a Social Worker*.

May the Lord, our God, who has blessed our efforts in the past, continue to prosper the work of our hands!

Finally, our association publishes a quarterly magazine under the title THE LUTHERAN DEACONESS in the interest of our cause. It costs but 25 cents a year, and no friend of our deaconess work ought to do without it.

#### ORGAN RECITAL AND JUBILEE SERVICE.

Beginning at 7.15 the well-known Lutheran organist from Chicago, Mr. C. Rupprecht, entertained with a group of selections until 7.45, when the services proper began. Pastor L. Kirst delivered a very timely sermon, speaking on the conflicts of the Church of Christ and of her ultimate victory. We hope we shall be able to present this sermon to our readers in the next issue of our LUTHERAN DEACONESS.

Congratulatory messages were read before the close of the services. Mr. Theodore Dammann, president of the Milwaukee Branch Society, voiced his regrets at not having been able to attend the meeting and expressed his felicitations in person.

The following message was received from Pastor Duemling, city missionary at Milwaukee:—

"DEAR FRIENDS AND COWORKERS:—

"You are celebrating this day the tenth anniversary of our Deaconess Association. We call it *our* association because we wish to be a part of that wonderful work which the good Lord has so abundantly prospered. For ten years you have carried on the noble work of instructing and preparing young women for the blessed calling of a deaconess of the Church.

Your labors have not been in vain. The Lord has answered your prayers and established the work of your hands. Appreciating the many blessings bestowed upon the association, you are gathered together with other Christians to praise God, from whom all blessings flow. God bless you and your work!

"Permit me to extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes. May your anniversary service be a most blessed one! 'Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.'

"Yours in the service of the Master,

"E. A. DUEMLING."

We were happy to receive this message since Pastor Duemling represents the Associated Lutheran Charities, of which he is president.

We had expected greetings also from our dear Pastor Herzberger and were not disappointed. His letter also helped us to thank our God in grateful appreciation of His manifold blessings evident in our deaconess work.

#### Pastor Herzberger's Letter.

"To the Members and Friends of Our Lutheran Deaconess Association, Gathered at Fort Wayne, Ind., in Celebration of Its Tenth Anniversary.

"GREETINGS:—

"I very much regret to say that circumstances here, my dear friends, will not permit me to be present with you at the tenth anniversary of our beloved Deaconess Association. But I shall be with you in spirit, see your happy faces, and hear your resounding hymns praising our Lord and Savior, who has so wonderfully blessed our deaconess work.

"When I consider how much effort it cost, for years indeed, to awaken even a little interest for this most needed female diaconate; when I consider how meager and precarious its beginning was, what little funds we had, how hard it was to find and salary a competent superintendent, and how the dear Lord has signally prospered our efforts and endowed our executive at Fort Wayne, especially our beloved president, Pastor Ph. Wambsganss, to carry on the work and never say die,—then I can only fold my hands and in joyous gratitude of my heart exclaim with the psalmist: 'This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.' Yes, 'the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad,' and we raise this Ebenezer to His glory.

"But, dear friends, let this memorable day not be merely a day of praise and thanksgiving and rejoicing, but let it be a day on which we all consecrate ourselves anew to carry on this work of the Lord, which provides faithful, believing, and trained woman workers for our charitable institutions, our mission-fields, and our large city congregations.

"Thank God we have pious young women who have entered the work and are making good, and I, for one, know of no other deaconess society, either in Europe or in America, that can tell the world how in ten short years

it has succeeded in establishing three deaconess training-schools, put thirty-one woman workers in the field, and is instructing twenty-eight pupils in its training-schools.

"Verily, in view of the great success the Lord has granted our work, we have all reason to carry it on with courageous and joyous hearts, knowing that our labors also in the years to come will not be vain in the Lord.

"May the dear Lord bless our exercises in Fort Wayne and grant us all His Holy Spirit to live and die in the faith and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us!

"With sincere felicitations,

"Your humble coworker,

"F. W. HERZBERGER."

### Jubiläum und Jahresversammlung.

Es war eine schöne Feier und eine überaus gut besuchte Jahresversammlung, die unsere Diakonissen-gesellschaft am 10. November vorigen Jahres abhalten durfte. Von nah und fern waren Vertreter und Freunde unserer Diakonissensache erschienen, um den zehnten Jahrestag der Gründung unserer Gesellschaft in rechter Weise zu feiern. Die Jahresversammlung fand nachmittags in der Emmaushalle statt. P. Philipp Wambsgang, Präsident der Gesellschaft, leitete sie vor zehn Jahren gegründet wurde, erinnerte in seiner Ansprache daran, daß wir Gott allein alle Ehre geben sollen für den schönen Fortschritt, den Gott der Herr auf unsere Diakonissenarbeit gelegt hat. Der Bericht des Kassierers zeigte einen besseren Stand unserer Finanzen im Vergleich mit dem Vorjahre. Da wir aber im neuen Jahre allen unsern Diakonissen eine monatliche Zulage von zehn Dollars geben, so bedeutet das eine Mehrausgabe von mehr als \$3,000 im Jahr. Diese Mehrausgabe müssen wir dadurch auszugleichen suchen, daß wir uns ganz besonders anstrengen, mehr Glieder zu gewinnen.

Aus dem Jahresbericht des Superintendenten geht hervor, daß unsere drei Diakonissenschulen ihre Arbeit ungeführt fortsetzen konnten. Fünfzehn Schülerinnen haben ihren Kursus absolviert. Dies ist die höchste Zahl in der Geschichte unserer Gesellschaft. Während vor fünf Jahren drei Arbeiterinnen im Dienste der Diakonissensache standen, sind es jetzt einunddreißig. Fünf stehen direkt im Missionsdienst, drei hierzulande und zwei in Indien, drei sind von Gemeinden angestellt, zwölf stehen im Dienste von Wohltätigkeitsanstalten, und elf sind in Hospitälern angestellt, wo sich, wie die Erfahrung lehrt, viele Missionsgelegenheiten darbieten. Unsere Kommission für Heidenmission in Indien möchte gerne noch drei Diakonissen haben, aber gegenwärtig stehen uns keine zur Verfügung. Außerdem sind vier andere Bittgesuche um Diakonissen eingelaufen, die wir aber erst dann berücksichtigen können, wenn der nächste Jahrgang sein Examen macht.

Was unser Diakonissenhospital in Beaver Dam, Wis., betrifft, so hoffen wir, daß es unserer Gesellschaft bald als ausschließliches Eigentum übertragen wird. Eine Vergrößerung des Hospitals war schon lange nötig. Ohne Zweifel wird es auch eher mög-

lich sein, Schülerinnen für Beaver Dam zu gewinnen, wenn das Hospital akkreditiert ist.

Die Zahl der Frauenvereine, die unser Diakonissenwerk unterstützen, hat im letzten Jahre auch etwas zugenommen.

Unserm Verwaltungsrat sind zwei Glieder zugefügt worden, P. L. Kirst von Beaver Dam und Herr L. Pingel, Superintendent der Bethesda-Anstalt in Watertown, Wis.

### Jubiläumsgottesdienst.

Der Jubiläumsgottesdienst wurde durch ein köstliches Orgelkonzert eingeleitet, in welchem der wohlbekannte Organist Lehrer C. Rupprecht von Chicago spielte. P. L. Kirst hielt eine zeitgemäße Predigt über Offenb. 20, 1—6. Er wies hin auf den geistlichen Kampf, den die Kirche Christi zu allen Zeiten zu führen hat, in dem wir aber den Sieg behalten, solange wir uns treu zu Gottes Wort und Sakrament halten. Dieses Wort soll unser Leitstern sein und bleiben auch in der Ausbildung unserer Diakonissen, die wir in den besonderen Dienst der Mission und christlicher Liebestätigkeit stellen. Dann können und werden wir auch in Zukunft des Segens unsers Gottes uns getröstet.

Glückwunschschreiben waren von verschiedenen Personen, die sich ganz besonders für unser Diakonissenwerk interessieren, eingelaufen. Herr Theodor Dammann, Präsident unsers Milwaukee-Zweigvereins, sandte ein besonderes Glückwunschschreiben, desgleichen die Pastoren C. Dümmling und F. W. Herzberger. Unser treuer Heiland aber segne auch in Zukunft das Werk unserer Diakonissengesellschaft zu Lob und Ehre seines Namens!

### Vortrag von Diakonisse Esther Tassinari.

Mit gespannter Aufmerksamkeit lauschten alle Anwesenden dem Vortrag unserer Diakonisse Esther Tassinari, die mehrere Jahre im Dienste der italienischen Mission in West Hoboken, N. J., stand. Sie wies hin auf die großen Schwierigkeiten, die dieses Feld bietet. Es hält ungemein schwer, die Italiener von allerlei abergläubischen Gebräuchen abzubringen. Doch erweist sich auch in dieser Mission das alte Evangelium von Christo als eine Kraft Gottes, die da selig macht alle, die daran glauben.

### Interessantes aus dem Tagebuche einer Diakonistin.

(Fortsetzung.)

Eine ganze Anzahl Leser unsers Diakonissenblättchens haben uns versichert, daß sie mit besonderem Interesse die Erlebnisse der Kaiserstwerther Diakonistin Emilie Heuser verfolgen, wie diese in ihrem Tagebuche sich aufgezeichnet finden.

Ihre erste Stelle war in Alexandrien, Ägypten, wo der Diakonissenbauer P. Theodor Fliedner ein Hospital errichtet hatte mitten in mohammedanischer Umgebung. In großem Segen hatte Schwester Emilie hier gedient. Dann wurde sie nach Jerusalem versetzt, wo sie besonders als Apothekerin eine segensreiche Tätigkeit entfaltete. Als dann die Nachricht sich verbreitete, daß die Drusen, ein

halbmohammedanisches und halbheidnisches Volk, das an den Abhängen des Libanon wohnt, ein furchtbares Blutbad unter den christlichen Bewohnern jener Gegend angerichtet hatten, eilten P. Düsselhof und Schwester Emilie Heuser nach Syrien, um sich so vieler Wittwen und Waisen als nur möglich anzunehmen. In Beirut gab es ein Waisenhaus, das von Diakonissen aus Kaiserzwerth geleitet wurde. Dort gedachte man so viele Waisen unterzubringen, wie es nur möglich sei. Groß war Schwester Emilies Enttäuschung, als sie merkte, daß viele Waisenmädchen in Sidon aus unüberwindlicher Scheu nicht überredet werden konnten mitzugehen. Aber P. Düsselhof gab seine Zustimmung, daß so bald als möglich ein Nothospital in Sidon eingerichtet werde.

Von Sidon aus ging es südlich am Meeresstrande entlang nach Tyrus zu. Die Reise wurde zu Pferde gemacht. Es war ein wunderbarer Anblick, schreibt Schwester Emilie, als man von den schneegekrönten Höhen des Berges Hermon den Blick in die Ebene lenkte. Etwa sechs Meilen nördlich von Tyrus fällt der Leontes, ein gewaltiger Gebirgsstrom, schäumend ins Meer.

Und in welcher Verfassung fanden nun unsere Reisenden die Stadt Tyrus, die einst gerühmt hatte: „Ich bin die aller schönste“ und: „Meine Grenzen sind im Meer“? Die Heilige Schrift erzählt uns mancherlei von Tyrus, von ihrer Herrlichkeit und Pracht. Man kann davon lesen im 28. Kapitel des Propheten Jesekiel. Und wie fanden unsere Reisenden diese einst so mächtige Stadt? Schwester Emilie schreibt: „Einen elenden Flecken fanden wir, von etwa viertausend Menschen bewohnt, wenn man die jammervollen, dumpfen Erdhütten, die an die Ruinen einst mächtiger Paläste angelegt waren, überhaupt Wohnungen nennen kann. Was für Jammerzeneen wir hier aber sahen, läßt sich mit der Feder einfach nicht beschreiben. Auch hier flohen die halb nackten Waisenmädchen, die wir retten wollten, wie die Vögelin, die wohl ein hingestretes Körnlein aufraffen, aber dann gleich vor großer Scheu davonflattern.“ Doch Schwester Emilies mütterlicher Liebe gelang es, achtzehn kleinen Mädchen so viel Vertrauen einzusößen, daß sie sich willens erklärten, ihr aus Tyrus nach Beirut in das neue Waisenhaus zu folgen.

„Ehe nun aber die Reise angetreten werden konnte, mußten wir Padesel und Eselungen besorgen. Wir benutzten die Wartezeit, um uns mancherlei Sehenswerthes anzuschauen. Bei Tyrus fanden wir die Überreste der alten Kreuzfahrerkirche, in der im Jahre 1190 die Leiche des im Flusse Saleph ertrunkenen Kaisers Friedrich Barbarossa beigesetzt war. Am öden, steinigten Meeresufer, wo einst stolze Schiffe ihre Waren abladen, sieht man einige arme Fischer ihre Netze reinigen. Und bei klarem Wetter sieht man riesige Haufen von Marmoräulen, über welche die Wogen des Mittelmeeres dahingleiten. Wie ist doch buchstäblich in Erfüllung gegangen, was der Prophet Jesekiel im Namen des Herrn über Tyrus geweissagt hat: „Siehe, ich will an dich, Tyrus, und will viele Seiden über dich heraufbringen, gleichwie sich ein Meer erhebt mit seinen Wellen. Die sollen die Mauern zu Tyrus verderben und ihre Türme abbrechen. Und ich will einen bloßen Felsen aus dir machen und einen Wert, darauf man die Fischgarne ausspannet, daß du nicht

mehr gebauet werdest; denn ich bin der Herr, der solches redet.“

Hier bei Tyrus war es auch, wo Paulus, begleitet von der jungen Christengemeinde, am Ufer mit allen niederkniete und betete, ehe er zum letzten Male nach Jerusalem zog, um den Heiden überantwortet zu werden. (Fortsetzung folgt.)

#### ADDRESS BY DEACONESS ESTHER TASSINARI.

The delegates listened with rapt attention to an address delivered by Miss Esther Tassinari, who spoke on her experiences as woman welfare worker among the Italians at Union City, N. J. For a number of years she assisted in the Italian Mission at that place. We hope to publish the main features of her lecture in the next issue of our LUTHERAN DEACONESS.

#### ANOTHER RESOLUTION.

Following the meeting, a splendid supper was served by the Ladies' Deaconess Auxiliary of Fort Wayne. The deaconess students served as waitresses. Various speakers helped to foster the spirit of true Christian conviviality. It was resolved that our brethren at Beaver Dam be authorized to go ahead in their dealings with the Chamber of Commerce of their city to obtain a clear title to the property known as the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital.

#### ONE BY ONE.

A woman missionary of the United Lutheran Church writes of the results of mission endeavor in India:—

“While among the outcastes in India we do have instances where entire families and larger groups of people are baptized at one time after having been duly instructed in the fundamentals of our faith, this is not the way the caste people are coming; they are being won one by one.

“A few years ago, in one of the villages near Guntur, where we have a mission-hospital, some of our Bible women, as was their custom, were expounding the Scriptures to a group of women along the wayside. Among the audience was a caste woman who listened very attentively to the message. She asked the Bible woman to come to her house and teach her the way of the true God. Gradually, in spite of the strong opposition of relatives and friends, she gave up the old Hindu customs. Her faith in the power of prayer was very strong. Her solicitous care for many of the sick in the neighborhood silenced those who despised her for having given up the religion of her ancestors. Even before she was baptized, she expounded the Scriptures to others and rejoiced that her efforts were not in vain. In her village no mission has been as yet established, but she reads her Bible daily. She has a special money-box, in which she collects funds to be used in the Christian training of blind children, which are very numerous in India.”—*Lutheran Woman's Work.*

### FIELDS OF SERVICE.

Parish-workers in New York City: Deaconesses M. Eber, Hulda Buegel, A. Schrader.

Foreign Mission workers in India: Louise Rathke, Gertrude Oberheu.

Indian Mission workers at Gresham, Wis.: Rosa Bremer, now at Alamosa, Colo.; in Arizona (Apache Mission): Louise Gieschen, Adeline Harms.

### Charitable Institutions.

*Bethesda, Watertown:* Erna Heck, Ida Stolte.  
*Buffalo Hospice:* Thelma Mattil, Cora Leader.  
*Industrial School, Addison:* Clara Strehlow, Henrietta Nanke.

*Old People's Homes: Arlington, Ill.:* Martha Herzberg; *Belle Plaine, Minn.:* Margaret Leader; *Marwood, Pa.:* Louise Moehlenbrock.  
*Children's Home, Marwood, Pa.:* Martha Schmidt, Margaret Lauterbach.

*Convalescent Home, St. Louis:* Lydia Lutz.  
*Teachers' Normal, Seward, Nebr.:* Martha Theilmann.

*Deaconess Hospital, Beaver Dam, Wis.:* Margaret Spencer, Elsbeth Buchholz, Johanna Schmidt, Dorothea Koenig, Frieda Poetter, Wilhelmina Boerger.

*Lutheran Hospital, Alamosa, Colo.:* Clara Dienst, Superintendent; Amelia Docter, Assistant Superintendent; Lulu Noes, Rosa Bremer.

*Lutheran Hospital, Yuma, Colo.:* Esther Schabacker, Selma Vogel.

*Children's Friend Society, Minneapolis, Minn.:* Pauline Barthel.

*On furlough:* Esther Tassinari, North Plymouth, Mass.

### Results of Election.

The officers of the previous year were re-elected. A recommendation by the Board of Directors to enlarge the board was voted upon and was carried unanimously. The two new members are Pastor L. Kirst, Beaver Dam, Wis., and Mr. L. Pingel, Watertown, Wis.

### NOTES AND NEWS.

Word has been received that Deaconess Gertrude Oberheu has arrived safe at Ambur, India. She will make her home with her brother while learning the Tamil language. May the Lord bless her work and the work of all our missionaries in their distant fields!

Deaconess Louise Rathke, connected with our Lutheran Hospital at Ambur, India, is due for a furlough in 1931.

A very interesting letter has been received by Mrs. S. Lang, formerly Deaconess Clara Mueller. We hope to have space in the next issue of our DEACONESS to publish her report.

It was sad news for us to hear of the sudden passing away of Mrs. Marie Ebendick, wife of Pastor Aug. Ebendick, of River Rouge, Mich., near Detroit. She was a great friend of our deaconess cause and had planned to attend our jubilee meeting. She was an active worker in the Detroit Lutheran Women's Mission So-

ciety and the ladies' aid for the Old People's Home at Monroe, Mich. May her zeal inspire many to be active in the Lord's work!

At the November meeting of the Board of Directors it was announced that Mr. Eugene Foelber has consented to assist our treasurer, Mr. Ernest Niemeyer, by taking over the duties of financial secretary. This arrangement will relieve our superintendent also of much correspondence.

Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why  
The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skilful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.

### BOOK REVIEW.

*Day by Day with Jesus.* Edited by Prof. W. H. T. Dau. Published by Ernst Kaufmann, 7—11 Spruce St., New York, N. Y. Price, 60 cts. Order from Concordia Publishing House.

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F. W. H.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, September 1, 1928, \$155.11.  
*Receipts:* Contributions, 3,662.65. Deaconess earnings, 13,550.68. Collections at installation services, 107.25. Refunds from former deaconesses, 82.00. Interest, 91.03. Book account: Sales of *Christian Woman as Social Worker*, 52.50. Legacy of Henry Wehrenberg, 500.00. Legacy of Mrs. K. Hausen, 300.00. *Total*, \$18,501.22.

*Disbursements:* Deaconess allowances, \$6,665.22. Pupils in training, 2,800.00. Salary of superintendent, 1,500.00. For lessons at Beaver Dam and Watertown, 347.92. Publication of LUTHERAN DEACONESS, 467.93. Printing, 169.77. Clothing for deaconesses, 763.79. To dentists, doctors, and opticians, 501.00. Repairs of Deaconess Home, 155.54. Printing of 1,000 books, 355.80. Stamps, envelopes, stationery, 171.67. Clergy permits and certificates, 37.54. Miscellaneous: telegrams, parcel-post, etc., 635.17. Reserve Fund, 3,692.69. Cash on hand, August 31, 1929, 237.09. *Total*, \$18,501.22.

### Inventory.

Deaconess Home and furnishings, \$11,500.00. Total Reserve Fund, 6,424.75. Cash on hand, 237.09. Book supply, 300.00. *Total*, \$18,461.84. Less note, 500.00. — PRESENT WORTH, \$17,961.84.

E. F. NIEMEYER,  
*Financial Secretary and Treasurer.*

The auditing committee reported that it found the accounts correct.



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of Our Lutheran Deaconess Association.**

(Up to January, 1930.)

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Miss Gertrude Simon, Nurse, 7 Milan Terrace, Hankow, China.

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Miss Anena Christensen, Teacher, Ambur, North Arcot District, India.

Miss Louise Rathke, Deaconess, Bethesda Hospital, Ambur, North Arcot District, India.

Miss Angela Rehwinkel, Nurse, Ambur, North Arcot District, India.

Miss Meta Schrader, Deaconess, Nagercoil, Travancore, India.

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