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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." MATTHEW 25:40.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Deaconess Association will be held, God willing, at the parish hall of Zion's Lutheran church, Ft. Wayne, on Sunday afternoon, October 27, at 4 p. m. At this meeting the treasurer, Mr. E. F. Niemeyer, will make his financial report for the year, and the superintendent will present his annual report. The question concerning the permanent location of the Deaconess Training School is up for discussion, having been postponed until this year in the last annual meeting. The committee on the revision of the constitution will propose the necessary changes. The usual election of directors will take place, and other matters of importance and interest will be up for discussion. The term of the following directors expires: The Rev. Arno Scholz, Mr. Aug. Becker, and Mr. E. O. Kucher. All members of the Association are invited to attend. Those who must be absent on account of distance or for any other valid reasons, may vote by proxy. If you have any suggestions to make or wish to bring something to the attention of the Association, your communications will be welcome. If you cannot be present, send your communications to the secretary, the Rev. Scholz, or to the superintendent. By all means, though, let all who can possibly do so, be in attendance. The ladies of the Auxiliary will again, as in former years, serve lunch after the meeting.

REASONS FOR ESTABLISHING THE DEACONESS TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE PROPOSED COURSE

(A paper read before the Deaconess Group Meeting at the Convention of the Associated Lutheran Charities.)

We have made a change in our system of training deaconesses. Until now we gave our deaconess students a course in deaconess subjects while they were taking their course in nursing or while serving at the Bethesda Home.

There are several weighty reasons that prompted us to make a change. The students taking the course in nursing at the hospitals were carrying a double load. The classes in nursing, combined with the work as nurses in the hospitals, are really taking the entire time of the students, especially in an accredited nurses' training school. It was a special favor extended to us by the Ft. Wayne Hospital, that our students were permitted to take on an additional course. And, naturally, our course was not and could not be under the circumstances what it should be. We found also that the interest of the students was centered more on the course in nursing than on the

course in deaconess subjects. Many lost the interest and enthusiasm so necessary for a proper preparation for the future work as deaconesses. Some also formed attachments during the three years of training which resulted in this, that they probably entered the service of the Deaconess Association, but with the intention to serve only for a very limited time. They were not in the service whole-heartedly. Now we do not censure our deaconesses for entering matrimony, but naturally these students would not have entered deaconess training and have been consecrated as deaconesses, if they had known that God would lead them so soon into marriage. Then also, in having three schools, the superintendent could not possibly get so well acquainted with the students as he must be to be able to place them into positions where their gifts and talents can be used to the best advantage, nor did the students get well enough acquainted with the superintendent, so that he could have their full confidence, as it is necessary. Besides, although that has not, thank God, been a disturbing factor to a great extent until now, graduating deaconesses from three different schools has in it the danger of becoming a menace to the unity and harmony among the deaconesses which is so essential in an organization of our kind. And there was until now no way of combining the theoretical instruction with practical training especially in mission work.

These weak points we hope to correct in establishing a Deaconess Training School into which our students will enter after finishing their course in nursing and other preparatory work. This will give an opportunity to take the training and to enter the service also to others who either have received their training as nurses in a hospital where our course was not given or who have had other schooling and experience, for instance that of teaching, and do not care to take the course in nursing.

Naturally, we are in an experimental stage at present, and the course we have in mind may not immediately measure up to the expectation of many. Yet we are not venturing into an entirely new and unexplored field. Others have had long years of experience in training deaconesses. Of them we can learn much. Their courses have been studied with a view of embodying into our course what in our estimation would serve our purpose best. We shall continue to give the matter prayerful thought, and by alert observation and continued consultation with pastors, missionaries, and other church-workers, shall ever try to perfect our course more and more, so as to give the best possible training to our students.

It is impossible at this time, as you will readily understand from what has been said, to give a complete and definite outline of the course. It is very difficult to state without any experience just how much can be accomplished in a year's time. It may be possible to add to the theoretical course, it may be possible that time and circumstances will not permit to accomplish what we have in mind. But the following are the essential courses to be given:

Bible Study, on the basis of Schaller's Book of Books, including history of the Bible, introduction to the books of the Bible, and a special course on important and beautiful passages. Old and New Testament Bible History, especially of the life of Christ and the life and missionary work of the apostles. An extensive course in memory work.

A thorough review of the Catechism, with a view of training in teaching the Catechism.

The Distinctive Doctrines, with emphasis on proof-texts.

A brief course in Church History.

A thorough course in Diaconics: History, Qualifications of a deaconess, the work, duties, etc.

History of Missions: Mostly home study with written reports on books read.

A course in Personal Mission work.

A brief course in General Sociology.

Lectures on Psychology, Social Service Work, Child Psychology and Child Training.

Practical training and experience, as much as possible, in the specific work to which the individual students are inclined and for which they seem to qualify.

And now we welcome suggestions and constructive criticism.

H. B. KOHLMEIER.
Supt. Deaconess Association.

UNTO ME

Oh, that I might serve the Master,
Do for Him some kindly deed,
As the women who did follow
Ministering to His need.

Meditating thus at even,
Seemed I heard the Master say:
"Help the least of these my brethren
And ye shall serve Me today."

"Show them by thy loving-kindness
What the love of Christ can be
By thy patient, brave example
Draw the wayward unto Me."

Can it be, Oh gracious Savior,
That all deeds of mercy shown
To our poor, sin-stricken brethren
Thou regardest as Thine own?

Then how gladly will I serve Thee
Though the flesh oft' weary be,
Just to hear at Thy returning:
"Ye have done it unto Me."

—Gertrude Wartchow.

Sermon Delivered at the Consecration Service, St. Stephan's Church, Beaver Dam., Wis., August 25, 1935.

TEXT: 2. Cor. 5, 14: For the love of Christ constraineth us.

Beloved in Christ Jesus, especially, dear members of the Deaconess Graduating Class!

This is a day of joy for you. You are celebrating the event of graduating from the school of nursing at the local hospital. For three years you have applied yourselves studiously and faithfully to the theoretical and practical training given in this school and are now graduating from the same with high honors. The reports of your class work are a record of very good and faithful work performed. On this we congratulate you most heartily.

This is a day of joy for you, though, especially for another reason. Your prime object in coming to this school of nursing was not merely to prepare yourselves for that profession, but the training received was to be for you a means to another end. You came with the purpose of preparing for the profession of deaconesses. For that reason you took another course, besides the course in nursing offered by the hospital. You took the course in deaconess subjects. It was my privilege to be your teacher in this course, also lasting the entire three years of your preparation. Also this course you have finished with high honors. And now you have appeared here in the house of God for your consecration service as deaconesses. During the three years of training you have not lost sight of the purpose you had in mind when coming to our school. You are still determined to enter the high calling of a Lutheran deaconess. And you wish to use your talents, your time, your training received, your knowledge gained, in the service of the Master by serving as deaconesses. In this service to-night you will solemnly promise to be faithful in the performance of the duties which the office of a deaconess will bring to you.

It is my purpose in addressing you to-night to impress you with the solemnity of the step you are

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taking and to arouse in your hearts a joyous courage and a fervent zeal to take upon you the duties of deaconesses and to persevere in this work with joyful spirit, as long as God would use your service in the same. And as the text for my address I have taken the Word of Scripture which you have chosen as your class motto: "For the love of Christ constraineth us."

St. Paul, the apostle, wrote these words. He here states the motive that prompted him to faithfully do his work as an apostle of Jesus and to persevere in doing his duty in spite of all disheartening circumstances. Ever since he had followed the call of the Savior, the prophecy spoken of him at the time of his conversion had come true. The Lord had said of him: "He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children

of Israel. For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake." He did bear much suffering and experienced many trials. From the unbelieving Gentiles, to whom Christ crucified was foolishness, he experienced contempt. The unbelieving Jews, his own people, of whom he says: "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish, that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh," he received bitter hatred. Many were the persecutions he endured for this reason. And then there were the false brethren and the many weak and erring members of the young Christian congregations which he had founded that caused him much anxiety and sorrow. For their sakes he had made great sacrifices, and yet experienced much disappointment. Here was the congregation at Corinth. He had served there free of charge, earning his own livelihood, had labored among them most diligently, teaching, exhorting, and comforting them publicly and privately. Yet he got small reward for his faithful labor of love. After his departure the congregation was split up into factions, many speaking disparagingly of the apostle and his preaching. Then he wrote these epistles to them. He is not seeking his own honor, but is defending his apostleship and the doctrine of the crucified Savior, which he had preached. In the verse immediately preceding our text he expresses the thought that it is difficult to satisfy the people. He says: "Whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God; or whether we be sober, it is for your cause." At times his zeal did carry him to such heights of enthusiasm that some people thought him deranged, as governor Festus did, when he said: "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." Others again thought him entirely too sober and dry. He could not please them all, and many found fault with his work. Yet he did not give up in despair. He says in this same epistle: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair." He continued in his work, faithfully, joyfully, persistently, until his lips were sealed by a martyr's death.

What was it, that gave the apostle the strength to bear up under his heavy cross, and the determination to carry on? He tells us in our text, your class motto: "For the love of Christ constraineth us." It e., urges us, moves us. And he adds in explanation: "Because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead. And that He died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again."

You, dear graduates, will as Lutheran deaconesses have experiences similar to those of the apostle Paul, even if not in the same degree and manner. It is the common lot of Christians that they must take up the cross and follow the Master. He who will confess the name of Christ boldly and will not deny his faith, will encounter misunderstanding, opposition, and the ill will of Christ's open and secret enemies. Especially, though, whoever makes it his chosen profession to do church-work experiences that his labor of love is often evilly rewarded. You would as deaconesses work for the cause of Christ. You would dedicate your life to the service of your Lord and Savior. In this true deaconess work consists. Whether you shall be privileged to serve as an assistant in a mission, or whether you will serve as a parish deaconess in a congregation, or whether you may work among the orphans, or the aged, or the deaf, or the feeble-minded in an institution of mercy, or whether you shall serve as a deaconess nurse in a hospital,—every phase of deaconess work serves the one great purpose: To help build the Church of Christ, to help save immortal souls. Your daily life, your conduct, the work you do, the spirit in which you do it, what you say, all should have the one great purpose of influencing others for Christ. At the same time you would as members of the Deaconess Association cooperate with your sister deaconesses to help build up this organization that would train efficient women church-workers.

You have chosen a most blessed work. To spend your time and use your talents in a life of real service of love to your fellowmen and help in bringing others to Christ, is living a life worth while that has the promise of bearing precious fruit for time and eternity. But it is not without its hardships and trials, and you may often find it exceedingly difficult. You will make many discouraging experiences. It would be strange, if you did not. The purpose of your work being to further the cause of Christ, it would be surprisingly odd, if Satan did not find ways and means of discouraging you. You will find people who think you are beside yourself, who will tell you that you are foolish to spend yourself in this service and to make sacrifices for this cause. You will experience that it is difficult to please the people, and that many will find fault, even if you try to do your very best. You will feel the inclination of your sinful flesh, hankering after sinful pleasures and amusements, after a life of more ease or more material advantages. You will be inclined to get discouraged, when you often do not see tangible results and the fruit you had expected.

Then think of your class motto: "The love of Christ constraineth us." Christ loved us with a steadfast, faithful love. Christ sought not His own advantage and ease. He died for us, died for us who were lost and condemned sinners, died that we might be saved. And He died for us, that we should no longer live unto ourselves but unto Him. Keep this motto ever in mind: "The love of Christ constraineth us." Then you will do your work in the right spirit. Christian service flows from Christian faith. Only that person who in faith has learned to know the love of Christ, will serve God in the proper spirit of heart. Service done for the sake of reward, with the thought of earning heaven, or for the sake of receiving the applause of men, is not God-pleasing service. A believing child of God has a higher motive for rendering service. The love of Christ constrains him. Christ has won his heart, to Christ he would render service in heartfelt gratitude. He knows the love of Christ, He knows that Christ in His Savior's love has redeemed him, sought him, found him, saved him. He knows that for Jesus' sake heaven and all its happiness shall be his. And this love of Christ constrains, moves, urges him to love Christ again in return. He, whose heart is filled with this faith and fervent love, will also gladly bear the cross, will find the strength and courage to ever again joyously take up the duties of his calling, and persevere in the service allotted to him, as long as God would have him serve in that office and station.

Dear graduates, in fervent love to Christ enter the office you have chosen; be faithful, diligent, courageous; bear the cross with a patient heart; serve the Savior with a joyful spirit, knowing that the Savior died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again.

May the love of Christ, then, constrain you to follow in His steps, and may your Savior and Lord, richly bless your service of love. Amen.

NEWS ITEMS

Our readers will kindly take notice of the change of address of the superintendent. Due to establishing the Training School the superintendent removed from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, living at 638 Putnam St. The School and the superintendent's office are located in the Deaconess Home, 2916 Fairfield Ave.

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Ten deaconesses were added to our number this summer, five being consecrated at Ft. Wayne, and five at Beaver Dam. You will find pictures of these

classes in this issue. At Ft. Wayne the Rev. F. Heidbrink, pastor of Emanuel Lutheran church, where the consecration service was held on Sunday, July 28, preached the sermon. The sermon preached at the consecration service at Beaver Dam in St. Stephan's Lutheran church, on Sunday evening, Aug. 25, was preached by the superintendent. On both occasions the choirs of the respective congregations added to the beauty of the services by well-rendered selections. We hereby again heartily thank these choirs and their directors, teachers H. Nuoffer, Ft. Wayne, and Ed. Piepenbrink, Beaver Dam. Both services were very impressive. Deaconess Alice Klitzing, of the Ft. Wayne class, has been placed in the Lutheran Orphans' Home, at Addison, Ill. A few more of the graduates may be placed in the near future. We earnestly ask all our friends to assist us, whenever opportunity presents itself, to place our deaconesses in parishes, hospitals, institutions of charity, and missions. They have especially prepared themselves to be of service to the Church. Help our cause by giving us the chance to serve!

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huber, Whiteriver, Arizona, on July 24. Mrs. Huber is our former deaconess, Wilhelmine Boerger. We extend congratulations and wish God's blessing to parents and son.

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The following deaconesses were in attendance at the convention of the Associated Lutheran Charities, at St. Paul, Minnesota: Clara Dienst, of Norfolk, Nebraska, Martha Herzberg, of Belle Plaine, Minnesota, Louise Moehlenbrock and Christine Seckel, of Watertown, Wisconsin, and Martha Schmidt, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. We were happy to also welcome deaconess Hulda Buegel, who stopped in for a short visit, being on her return trip to her field of work in St. Matthew's parish, New York City. We were especially thankful for having her with us for a few moments in the Deaconess Group meeting.

The general attendance at the convention was very good, the papers delivered and discussed were timely and to the point. We would recommend to all who are interested in our work of mission and charity to procure a copy of the proceedings, in which the papers read at the convention, reports given, and addresses made, will be published. Better yet, though, if you ever have the opportunity, come to the convention. Besides receiving inspiration from the addresses and discussions in conference and institute meetings, the personal contact with men and women of our Church engaged in the various fields of inner

mission will prove to be of great value, and is worth the time and expense involved.

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Your superintendent made a brief report on the Lutheran hospital at Ft. Wayne before a group meeting of hospital representatives, and presented two papers for discussion in the Deaconess group meeting. One of these papers is published in this number of the "Lutheran Deaconess."

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Since the last issue of our paper two more deaconesses have been placed in the Deaconess Hospital at Beaver Dam, namely, Frieda Poetter and Minnie Hecht, both former graduates of the Beaver Dam training school. Deaconess Louise Gieschen was placed at the Bethesda Home at Watertown.

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Deaconess Ida Trinklein was granted a leave of absence on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Fackler, of Detroit. We pray God, that He may soon restore Mrs. Fackler to complete health.

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Deaconess Dona Werling is at her home on leave of absence, being in need of an extended vacation and complete rest. We hope that under God's blessing she may recover fully to her former happy and joyous spirit of service.

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Three students have been received as probationers in our School of Deaconess Training. They are Miss Erna Bartsch, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Miss Mathilda Johnson, of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Henrietta Thorsness, of Audubon, Minn. We bid a hearty welcome to these students, the first in our Training School, and wish them God's richest blessing for their training.

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Our Deaconess Conference, held at Ft. Wayne, July 1 to 3, was not as well attended as we had hoped, but those in attendance felt richly repaid and expressed themselves as having received new strength and enthusiasm for their work. A report on the proceedings was sent to all deaconesses. We are deeply grateful to all who delivered addresses to the conference and all who helped in other ways to make the conference successful and enjoyable. An effort is made to arrange for the next year's meeting at the Concordia Teachers' College at River Forest.

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We were happy to greet the following visitors at the Deaconess Home during the Spring and Summer months:

Deaconess Frieda Poetter who stopped off on the

way to her home in Wisconsin. Deaconess Gertrude Hogan from Yuma, Colo., who came to attend Commencement Exercises and to greet old friends and classmates at her Alma Mater. Members of the family of Deaconess Dorothea Levenhagen, and the mother of student deaconess Margaret Klammer. Deaconess Alice Dey of the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. L. Pingel, Supt. of the Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis. Miss Alma Bondurant of Bremen, Ind. The Rev. and Mrs. F.A.C. Meyer of Centralia, Ill., on their way to and from the Synodical Convention in Cleveland. Mrs. M. Zagel, Mrs. J. Bertram and daughters of Ft. Dodge, Iowa. Miss A. Rehwinkel, R. N. of the Bethesda Hospital, Ambur, India. Deaconesses M. Eber, R. N., H. Buegel, R. N., the Misses Mathilda Uffelmann, R. N., and Johanna Seiders, R. N., of New York City and Mrs. Beata Fergin of Ironwood, Mich., who attended their class reunion at the Lutheran Hospital. Miss Dorothy Stuebe, R. N., of Milwaukee, Wis. Deaconess Esther Haeger of Beaver Dam, Wis., Miss Sophie Salzbrenner of Indianapolis, and Miss Anna Forchheim of Chemnitz, Germany and Mr. H. Otten of New York.

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Out of town visitors and deaconesses at the Conference not otherwise mentioned in this issue in connection with the Deaconess Conference were: Sister Theodora of the Baltimore Deaconess Motherhouse, Prof. E. H. Brandt of Portland, Oregon, the Rev. W. D. Oetting of Waterloo, Iowa, the Misses B. Tessmann and Irene Zastrow and Mr. W. Hecht of Watertown, Wis., the Misses Tabea and Beata Kohlmeier of Beaver Dam, Wis., and deaconesses M. Theilmann, C. Bekemeier, J. Schmidt, Ida Stolte, D. Werling, A. Johnson, F. Vierck, and K. Laesch.

Come again, dear friends, one and all! And it also greatly pleases us to have our Ft. Wayne friends stop in at the Home at any time.

MEMORIAL WREATHS

We acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the following Memorial Wreath donations:

In memory of Miss Esther Nichols, Michigan City, Ind., from Miss Edith J. Backus, La Porte, Ind. \$1.00.

In memory of Mr. Henry Ahnemann, So. Whitley, Ind., from Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Niemeyer, Mrs. Sophie Niemeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Niemeyer, Ft. Wayne, Ind. \$2.00.

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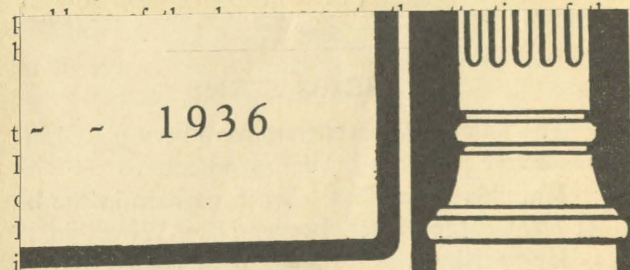
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DEACONESS CONFERENCE

Fort Wayne, July 13, 1935

We have all heard of pastoral conferences and teachers' conferences, and here is also a report on the Deaconess Conference.

Representatives from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin were in attendance. Deaconess Clara Strehlow, of the Kinderheim, at Addison, Illinois, is the president of the conference; Deaconess Margaret Spencer, of the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, the vice president; Deaconess Alice Dey, of the Lutheran Orphans' Home, at Indianapolis, the secretary-treasurer. Deaconess Minnie Hecht, of the Lutheran Orphans' Home, at Addison, Illinois, and Deaconess Henrietta Nanke, of the Kinderheim, Addison, Illinois, are members at large of the advisory committee. The officers and the two members at large form an advisory committee whose duty it is to bring any



be least of these my brethren, ye have
MATTHEW 25:40.

object is to win souls, to do personal evangelism. This work is to be done sincerely and naturally, deaconesses are not to "pose" as Christians but to "be" Christians, to live their part as servants of Christ.

Several papers of a practical nature were presented to the conference for discussion. The Rev. H. D. Boyer, of the Lutheran Orphanage, at Indianapolis, Indiana, spoke on the "Work of a Deaconess in Child Welfare Work," showing the need for self-improvement and leaving the members with a feeling of greater responsibility toward the child.

The address of pastor Weber, of Fort Wayne, was gratefully received as it gave the members a better understanding of "Bedside Visits."

Miss Marie Zucker, executive secretary of the Fort Wayne Lutheran Social Service League, spoke to the conference and gave a demonstration how work is carried on in her office.

The paper of Deaconess Nelle Bender, of the Lutheran Orphanage, at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, "The Deaconess Garb" resulted in quite a discussion.

The Rev. Walter C. Birkner, director of missions in the Central District, gave a brief outline of missions in this district, showing the need for a proper place of worship for mission congregations. In answer to questions of the members of conference pastor Birkner also told of the splendid work done through the Women's Missionary Endeavor movement.

Since many of the members of conference are working at institutions a visit to the State School proved very interesting.

When the conference closed Wednesday afternoon all agreed that it had served its purpose of deepening the spiritual life of the members, widening their knowledge, and refreshing their zeal and enthusiasm.

—Clara Strehlow.

in St. Matthew's parish, New York City. We were especially thankful for having her with us for a few moments in the Deaconess Group meeting.

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Class of Ft. Wayne Graduates, June 30, 1935

HYMN SUNG BY THE GRADUATING CLASS, BEAVER DAM, IN THE CONSECRATION SERVICE, AUGUST 5, 1935

Here am I, Thou great Creator;
Here am I, O Lord, send me!
Here am I to do Thy bidding:
What I have I owe to Thee.
Soul and body Thou hast given
All of mercy, full and free,
And for that I may employ them—
Here am I, O Lord, send me!
Here am I, my only Savior;
Here am I, O Lord, send me!
Thou hast wrought my full redemption
By Thy death on Calvary.
For my life Thy life was given
On that barren, cursed tree,
That my life be spent in service—
Here am I, O Lord, send me!
Here am I, Thou Source of power,
Here am I, O Lord, send me!
Thou hast wrought, O Holy Spirit,
Faith my Savior for to see.
By the comfort of Thy presence
I have strength to live for Thee,
In a life of love and service—
Here am I, O Lord, send me!
Here am I, Thou Fount of Mercy;
Here am I, O Lord, send me!
Wheresoe'er Thy hand directs me
I shall follow willingly.
If but in the slightest measure
I repay my debt to Thee,
Then my life has not been wasted—
Here am I, O Lord, send me!
(From Dr. Kretzman's "While it is Day.")