

THE DEACONESS

ISSUED BY THE

National Conference — Deaconesses of the Church

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LOUISE SCHODTS, CHAIRMAN, 30-43 36TH STREET, L. I. C., NEW YORK
AMY GREER THOMPSON, SEC. TREAS., 419 WEST 110TH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY
FRANCES AFFLECK, ELIZABETH FRACKER, AGNES HODGKISS,
ANNA MACDONALD, RUBY THOMSON, FRANCES WARD

FEBRUARY, 1938

The present officers of the Executive Committee very much regret the omission of the November issue of the Prayer Leaflet and The Deaconess but due to lack of a quorum in Cincinnati the election of Officers could not take place there and after an election by mail Deaconess Hodgkiss, the new Chairman, felt unable to continue in the office. Your officers ask your co-operation in sending Intercessions for the Prayer Leaflet and items of interest to the Deaconess. Please send these direct to the Secretary.

THE MEETING OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE DEACONESSSES OF THE CHURCH

Date: Saturday, October 9, 1937.
Place: St. Andrew's Mission, Addyston, Ohio.
Present: Twenty-six Deaconesses, Bishop Jenkins and Dr. Randall.

Bishop Jenkins of Nevada, celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Randall of the Chicago City Mission.

Breakfast followed in the Parish House, served by the Woman's Guild—charge thirty-five cents.

The meeting was called to order at ten A. M. by the Chairman, Deaconess Gillespy. Business meeting postponed in order to hear the addresses of Bishop Jenkins and Dr. Randall—two very practical, interesting and helpful addresses, a summary of which will be found appended to this report.

Minutes of the last Triennial Conference (Atlantic City, 1934) read by the Secretary and accepted with two modifications.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Deaconess Semle, was read and accepted. Reported balance in the treasury, \$45.09, \$29.00 being Emergency Fund balance.

The report of the Chairman, Deaconess Gillespy, voiced two needs: (1) a greater sense of corporate fellowship in the Order and (2) the need to spread information about the Order among young women.

The report of the election of four members to serve on the Executive Committee follows: two hundred ballots were sent out, one hundred were returned, electing Deaconess Anna Macdonald, Mary Frances Ward, Frances Affleck and Elizabeth Fracker.

The report of the Duplex Envelope offering showed \$243.75 for the Deaconess' Retiring Fund and \$103.10 for the Emergency Fund.

Deaconess Edith Adams in the absence of Deaconess West, Sec'y of the Retiring Fund for Deaconesses, reported for the Retiring Fund a present balance of \$66,377.97; that is, \$4,377.77 more than was reported January 1, 1937.

Moved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Edmund Ruffin Beckwith for his expert care of our funds and the generous gift of his time.

(Lunch was served at this point by the Woman's Guild at a charge of fifty cents.)

Meeting resumed at two P. M.

Greetings were read from several Chapters, whose members could not be present.

Deaconess Colesberry's report of Committee on Associates for the Order was presented by Deaconess Gillespy. The Chicago Chapter had registered itself officially as being opposed to the idea, and suggested that cooperation of the Woman's Auxiliary would meet all needs of this kind. Discussion followed, both for and against the plan.

It was moved by Deaconess Phelps and seconded by Deaconess Adams that an organization be formed to promote interest in the Order of Deaconesses among the members of the Church.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to consider the matter of Associates.

Deaconess Gillespy stated that as outgoing Chairman of the Conference she had no desire to appoint a full committee, but she appointed as representing the continuing Executive Committee, Deaconess Affleck; Deaconess Phelps to be Secretary of the Committee on Associates as previously moved.

Deaconess Gillespy asked permission to move that whatever plan was accepted, if any plan is, it be left flexible enough to meet the needs of various dioceses so that they might organize as seemed best to them.

The Treasurer was authorized to settle accounts at her convenience and to pass on the funds to the next Treasurer, who will be elected by the Executive Committee.

Letters from absent deaconesses were read.

A resolution regarding a Rule of Life, sent by the Nevada Chapter of Deaconesses was discussed. Deaconess Phelps moved that a committee be appointed to collect and consider various "Rules of Life," that might be helpful to the Deaconess Order. Carried. The Chairman noted that this instruction as to the appointment of a committee would be handed on to the new chairman of the National Conference, when she was elected.

Several Deaconesses present gave brief reviews of their work. Deaconess Edith Adams gave a very interesting account of her visit to England and her contacts with the Order of Deaconesses in London where she visited three Centres—St. Andrew's Community House, Gillmore House and St. Catherine's House; also Central House in Hindhead about eighty miles from London. Deaconess Adams brought copies of the *News Sheet* and the *Prayer Leaflet* used by the English Deaconesses.

Vote of thanks was given to Deaconess Fracker and the Woman's Guild who served two delicious meals, and the Rev. Mr. Alling, rector of St. Andrew's Mission.

The Rev. Mr. Alling gave a brief account of the history of St. Andrew's, and the long service of Deaconess Beeson, for many years parish worker there.

Tea was served by Deaconess Fracker's Scout Troop.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES SEMLE, *Deaconess*.
Secretary-Treasurer.

The following Deaconesses were present at the meeting:

Adams (Edith)	Cartwright	Gilliland	Phelps	Semle
Affleck	Cooper	King	Parsons	Shaw
Bedell	Fracker	Le Hew	Pitcher	Smith (Eleanor)
Betz	Fuller	Noßler	Potter	Squires
Booth	Gillespy	Patterson (Mary)	Robinson	Ward
Byllesby				

A SUMMARY OF TWO ADDRESSES TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

St. Andrew's Mission, Addyston (Cincinnati) Oct. 9, 1937

Both Bishop Jenkins of Nevada, and Dr. Randall of Chicago had been asked to speak on the general question. What is most necessary for deaconesses (in training, personal qualities, or from any angle desired.)

Bishop Jenkins said: "I am sure that the Schools know much more than I do about how deaconesses ought to be trained. However, I do know about the Order, and I do know what I expect of a deaconess when she comes to Nevada to work.

"The Order is apostolic in origin: it has been revived and is at present 'going strong.' It is the only Order of Ministry for women that has the official sanction of the Church: we should do something more to spread information about it and to recommend it to young women as a vocation." The Bishop suggested that there might be associates to pray for the Order and to make it known among young Churchwomen.

The following practical suggestions as to the equipment of a deaconess were made by the Bishop:

1. Every deaconess should wear the garb, and must if she is to work in Nevada. It is protection for the wearer and a means of making her available to people who need her help.
2. Every deaconess should know how to keep house nicely.
3. Every deaconess should be warm-hearted and hospitable, (not so much so as to run into debt entertaining!)
4. Deaconesses should be methodical in their habits of life; rise at a certain hour, do things in regular ways at regular times, etc.
5. Deaconesses should be ready to exercise their office in emergencies, such as baptizing when there is no priest at hand. They need not preach usually.
6. Every deaconess should know how to play hymns.
7. Every deaconess should be able to sing enough to "raise the tune" and carry it through.
8. There ought to be one central place, a sort of clearing house, where bishops and others who need workers might apply, and might get to know something about the applicant for a position from those who knew her.
9. Deaconesses ought to have a rule of life that they themselves have made in the Order.

Dr. Randall began his address with an expression of happiness in being a part in the Corporate Communion, and in the Conference; and with a tribute to the deaconesses of the City Missions staff, at Chase House. Deaconesses have proved the value of women's ministrations in the Church, doing some things better than men, and some that men cannot do. Their natural sympathy and their ability in making contacts with women is often of great value in the work of the City Missions.

Dr. Randall reminded us that although this type of work has its own difficulties and needs, fundamentally all our work is the same, and certain things are needed in all women workers. He selected three for special emphasis:

Spirituality. We are apt to lay stress: too much—on office, rather than on spirituality. We must keep before us the doing of God's will—this is the basis of true spirituality. As we think of the earthly life of our Lord, one of its outstanding characteristics is this: "I come to do Thy will, O God. . . . My meat—my very life—is to do the will of Him that sent me—to finish His work." And at the last he was able to say "I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do." Our Lord has given us the outstanding example of what the motive of life should be—doing the will of God; and if that is our primary motive, we need not fear. It did not lead Him to fair places, to a chapel of ease, freedom from work—it led Him to the Cross. But the Cross was only the stepping-stone to the garden of victory. So we not only have the example of our blessed Lord, but we may be sure we will have the grace of God's Holy Spirit to help us follow through.

Second—*Sanity.* With our spirituality we need sanity—a balanced way of life, enabling us to fit into situations as one finds them. To do this one must have sympathy; one must be able to realize the situation from the other person's point of view. For example, it means a real experience for a person to climb up into a hospital bed for even a few weeks, in new surroundings, away from friends, amid suffering and pain; and it is well for those who stand by the bedside to realize what may be going on in the heart and mind of such a person. So we need sympathy, fellow-feeling. Let us be both sane and sympathetic.

Third—*Service*—service in the spirit of our Master. We are told again and again "He was filled with compassion"—not sentimentality. It is that practical compassion which should be the fruit of spirituality. Spirituality must be maintained. We have the same temptation in our clergy. We are so busy, have so much to do, that we are tempted to let our prayers go, or neglect our offices. No one can do that in such work as yours and ours. There must be time for development of one's own spirit and prayer life. As Bishop Anderson said: "The more one has to do, the longer time he must spend on his knees"—Prayer and provender are never a waste of time.

Therefore, three things to remember: 1. Spirituality. 2. Sanity with sympathy. 3. Service.

REPORT OF TOTAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

1934—1937

October 9, 1937.

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$587.03
EXPENDITURES:	
For Printing	
Deaconess and Prayer Leaflet, Ballot and Letter-heads	
Due Notices	\$327.55
For Postage, etc.	56.33

From the Emergency Fund for Grants.....	140.00	
	<u>\$523.88</u>	
For Bank Charges for 3 Years.....	18.06	
	<u>\$541.94</u>	541.94
BALANCE		<u>\$45.09</u>
EMERGENCY FUND BALANCE	\$29.07	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	16.02	
	<u>\$45.09</u>	
BALANCE IN BANK		\$45.09

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCES SEMLE, Deaconess Treasurer.

Received from Deaconess Semle—December 27, 1937		
General Fund	\$32.22	
Emergency Fund	132.17	

\$164.39

AMY G. THOMPSON, Deaconess Secretary-Treasurer.

CINCINNATI, 1937

As the months go, and still more as they seem to go, the General Convention of 1937 recedes into the past; and to those who were present in Cincinnati any account of it is an old story. But within a few weeks one deaconess has said "I have heard nothing whatever about what happened to us. Will there be some report?" There may be others asking the same question, and it is for them that these notes are written. The memories group themselves under general headings.

First—naturally—the setting—To one who had imagined Cincinnati as damp, dark, smoke-laden, probably only too obviously recovering from the effects of a devastating overflow from a muddy river, the contrast was from the first moment exhilarating. The active, but not too active business center was ringed around with suburban sections, parks, and hills from which one could look out on the broad curves of the Ohio, the towns of the Kentucky shore, and the warm autumn coloring of tree-covered slopes. One was taken to see some trace of the flood, or was shown the line on this building or that where the water had risen—but it had to be pointed out. The wonderful building in which Convention was held has been described repeatedly; but its size and at the same time the convenience of its arrangement, had to be experienced—a hall or a room for every meeting, of every size, all quite separated but all within easy communication, and two great crypts or lower-level halls for every type of exhibit.

The spirit of cooperation, on the part of the whole city, and especially of those in charge of the Convention arrangements, was unfailing. For months beforehand these committees had been planning every detail—thick packets of letters are evidence of the forethought of the Women's Organization, the Hospitality Committee, the Committee on Exhibits, the Committee on Corporate Communions, the Committee on Conferences and Meetings. And through all these months and through the Convention days, there was no one apparently too busy, too tired, or too tried, to help any visitor with any problem.

Then, as to the special "Deaconess" interests.

I. Official action of Convention.

1. The Resolutions of the Joint Commission on the Work of Deaconesses were accepted by both Houses. These are in substance:

- (1) Endorsement of the Retiring Fund as "a proper and necessary means for providing for the needs" of Deaconesses retiring after active service; and of the request "that the members of the Church be urged to make gifts of money to that Fund."
- (2) Emphasis on the desirability of providing scholarships in the Training Schools for deaconesses.
- (3) Suggestion that the Order of Deaconesses, its history, requirements, and present opportunities be presented by Bishops and clergy to eligible women as a vocation for life-service.
- (4) Continuance of the Commission.

2. The Joint Commission on the Work of Deaconesses was made an Advisory Commission.

3. The Rev. Dr. Randall (Chicago) presented in the House of Deputies a memorial from the Diocesan Convention of Chicago petitioning the General Convention "to provide through the Church Pension Fund or otherwise, a system of pensions for the Order of Deaconesses in the Church." This was referred to the Commission on the Work of Deaconesses.

II. *Presentation of the Deaconesses Vocation* to the triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.

In the morning session of the Woman's Auxiliary, October 12th, four types of service were presented before the women of the Church: Sisterhoods (Sister Elspeth, All Saints); Deaconesses (Deaconess Edith Booth, Dante, Va.); Professional Work, Miss Hilda Shaul, (Religious Education, Southern Ohio); Volunteer Work, Miss Ruth Gordon, Boston.

III. Exhibits.

At Cincinnati, unlike Atlantic City, the Training School exhibits and those of the Order of Deaconesses were in separate booths, each 10 ft. x 10 ft. in size. These were in good location, not far from the entrance of the Exhibit hall, and attracted many visitors. The Training School booth had exhibits from the five schools, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Berkeley, Raleigh (Bp. Tuttle Memorial); from each a panel, framed in red and gold, with large photographs and captions uniform in general effect; and also from each School a wall-exhibit and descriptive literature. The Deaconess Exhibit, in the booth adjoining, could not have been prepared without the help of the many deaconesses who responded to our general request for photographs and information. A friend of Deaconess Semle's, in Providence had made a screen of heavy cardboard, with ten panels about 22 inches high, each carrying the heading of some field of Deaconess work; Foreign, Rural, Institutional, Foreign-born, City Missions, Diocesan, etc. These were illustrated on each panel by the smaller photographs sent in; and a central panel, taller than the rest, summed up the work in a series of tiny pen and ink sketches showing deaconesses in typical occupations. This screen made the exhibit at the rear of the booth; with larger photographs mounted and labelled separately, on the wall above, and printed matter on the table on which the screen stood—a copy of the Canon, leaflets on "Deaconesses," etc. Other features of the exhibit were the four wall-scrolls used at Atlantic City, with the history of the Deaconess Order; The Retiring Fund banner brought up to date in amount; R. F. D. leaflets including the new one "Martha's Vocation"; other mounted photographs showing special fields in some detail. And there were several comfortable chairs in which visitors might relax while—we hope!—meditating on the exhibit and the Order.

IV. Triennial Conference, Saturday, October 9

The Minutes of the Meeting, the report of the Treasurer, summaries of the informal addresses made by Bishop Jenkins, are all printed separately in this issue, and need no further comment at this time. But again one must come back to the note of appreciation on which this report began; the setting for our meetings was so much more delightful than one could have foreseen, and the hospitality so cordial and so unstinted. The little Church of the Resurrection, Fernbank, is on a hillslope, and almost hidden from the road by trees, a lovely quiet spot for our Corporate Communion. Deaconess Fanny Beeson served there and at Addyston for nearly thirty-five years, and inside the door of the church is a plaque with memorial inscription to her. The rector, Fr. Alling, was present to welcome us. Bishop Jenkins as celebrant and Dr. Randall assisting had been brought out by motor the ten miles from Cincinnati, as had also the deaconesses who were staying in town, and the cars were waiting to take us on to Addyston later. Breakfast was served at tables set in the parish hall—so delicious a breakfast and served so expeditiously that one could hardly realize everything had been prepared in the rectory next door, and was being carried across under umbrellas, through a drizzly rain which had begun to fall!

St. Andrew's Mission, Addyston, is a long, low group of buildings on a village street cut out along a hillslope—so that the windows on the farther side look out over a dip of land, with trees close against the windows, and a tangle of shrubbery and undergrowth falling away to a little flower-garden below. The church and large parish-hall at one end of the line, the offices for two nurses at the other, and the living-quarters of the deaconesses between—all connected and all under one roof—make a wonderful centre for the mission work, and also for a meeting such as ours! Deaconess Fracker and the mission nurse, Miss Tromeay, had planned everything for our comfort: the morning meeting in the two living-rooms that make up the depth of the house, lunch served by the fine women of the parish in the hall where we stayed on for our afternoon meeting, the hospitality of the newly uniformed Girl Scout troop who served tea for the Conference and for Fr. and Mrs. Alling—these last driving over from Fernbank to end the day as they had begun it, in hospitality to the deaconesses. Fr. Alling spoke to us briefly of the history of St. Andrew's Mission and of Deaconess Beeson's long service there. Then suddenly it was five o'clock, and a bus, making detour from its usual route, drove up before the door to take back to Cincinnati all but the half dozen fortunate deaconesses for whom St. Andrew's was headquarters during Convention as well as for the day of Conference.

JANE BLISS GILLESPIE, Deaconess.

THE MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE RETIRING FUND FOR DEACONESSSES

A very interesting and successful meeting of the R. F. D. was held at Deaconess Edith Smith's lovely home in Morristown, N. J., on Wednesday, February 9th. Deaconess Smith had cordially invited the Directors to spend the previous night so the meeting might begin early the next day. Deaconess Adams from Chicago; Deaconess Goodwin from Boston; Deaconess Hodgkiss from Brooklyn and Deaconess West from New York availed themselves of this privilege and Deaconess Dahlgren came from New York early the next morning. Deaconess Colesberry, to the regret of all, was detained in Philadelphia by illness.

The meeting began promptly at 10 o'clock and the blessing of uninterrupted work continued until lunch time. Hence the value of an out-of-town meeting. While the Fund is not yet large enough for future needs, it is encouraging to see that contributions continually swell the principal and that there has been a decided increase during the last year. Plans were made at the meeting for future publicity and in our next report, we hope to write more fully about them. As every Deaconess is interested in this project, we must depend upon everyone to speak of it whenever possible. The "runs, rills and rivulets" feed the ocean and we must never neglect an opportunity to gain something, however small it may be, to complete a Fund which will mean ease of mind and body to many faithful servants of the Church who surely deserve this recognition of their labors.

REMOLA DAHLGREN, Deaconess.

LETTER FROM DEACONESS KNAPP

Affectionate Greetings from a Retired Deaconess

This is addressed especially to those who have retired and comes from one who has not only retired but who is a permanent invalid. In the first place I recommend to you Bishop Montgomery's little book entitled "Old Age." Growing old is a sad experience if it is the only growing we are doing. But one of the experiences of old age is that of increased self-knowledge, which if rightly used will lead to growth in grace and understanding. And then we come to realize that the busy ones look to one for counsel when they are in perplexity and for comfort when they are in trouble.

My own experience as I sit in my old Boston Rocker and think prayerfully of those who are busy and perhaps sadly overworked has proved to me, the usefulness of quiet and seemingly idle days. My own sitting is specially full of privileges, for my home is in the midst of the happy scene of University life and surrounds me with the most interesting people. An English clergyman, who is on the faculty of the University, has volunteered to be my Chaplain. He comes every Sunday morning to my home to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as I cannot go to the College Chapel. More than that he stands ready to help me whenever I am in need.

Some women friends, missionaries or wives of missionaries, come to me at stated times to read, so that I can be kept in touch with modern books that are worth while and then there are always individual students to be helped in one way or another and whose affectionate response does my heart good.

And last but not least, there are the flying visits of graduates of St. Faith's and others who are travelling and whose steamers are waiting in port at Yokohama for a day. Today I am to have Sister Ruth Magdalene (Ruth Kent) for flying visit of an hour. Those who know her will realize how happy it will make me to see her. She is such a fine person.

My love to all of you and every good wish. Your devoted friend,

SUSAN T. KNAPP.

DEACONESS WILLIAMS RETIREMENT

"Deaconess Williams left on the first of September, and how lonely it is without her. No one will ever forget her, her love, her sympathy and her service to these people. They made for her a Book of Remembrance; over fifteen hundred persons, white and black, Americans and foreigners here in the camp and in the surrounding mountains signed their names, and that with a large check was given to her on her last Sunday here, an attempt to show how much they loved her and appreciated her many years of service and her many kind deeds. She will never be forgotten. She cannot be, she has been too close to the people."

E. B.

SET APART SINCE THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Mary Christiana Hettler, December 21, 1937, at Grace Church, Oak Park, Chicago, by Bishop Stewart. Deaconess Hettler is to be Assistant to Deaconess Fuller, Chase House, Chicago.

DEATHS

Maria Pitts, Deaconess, at Ocean City, Maryland, on September 13, 1937.

Helen Giles, Deaconess at New York City, September 19, 1937.

May the Souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace.

THE DEACONESS

ISSUED BY THE

National Conference — Deaconesses of the Church

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RUTH JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN, 427 SOUTH 45TH STREET, PHILADELPHIA
EDITH M. ADAMS, FRANCES AFFLECK, ELIZABETH FRACKER,
ANNA MACDONALD, KATE S. MAYER, ELEANOR P. SMITH,
MARY FRANCES WARD

MAY, 1941

That this issue of "The Deaconess" is making so late an appearance is greatly regretted by the Editor. Until the machinery of the Executive Committee can function smoothly, Deaconess Amy Thompson, Maple Hill, Upper Red Hook, N. Y., has consented to act as Sec.-Treas. ~~pro~~ tem. We are greatly indebted to her for her willingness to continue in office. She will be glad to receive items of interest, changes of address and, last but not least, your dues!

THE MEETING OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE DEACONESSSES OF THE CHURCH

Date: Saturday, October 12, 1940.

Place: St. Andrew's Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Present: Twenty-one Deaconesses.

Bishop Randall of Chicago, Celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Jewell, Rector of St. Andrew's. Breakfast and luncheon were served by the ladies of the Parish at a nominal charge.

The meeting was called to order by Deaconess Edith Adams in the absence of the Chairman, Deaconess Schodts. Deaconess Mary Truesdell was appointed Sec.-Treas. pro tem. in the absence of Deaconess Amy Thompson.

The minutes of the last Triennial Conference (Cincinnati, 1937) read and accepted.

The report of the Sec.-Treas., Deaconess Thompson, read and accepted. Balance reported: General Fund, \$70.29; Emergency Fund, \$17.67.

Report of the offering taken at the Corporate Communion:

Undesignated offering total	\$13.65
Retiring Fund	64.75
Emergency Fund	53.75

Voted to divide "Undesignated" equally between Retiring and Emergency Funds.

Telegram read announcing death of Deaconess G. Edwardina Crane in Washington, D. C.

Letter from Deaconess Schodts read, expressing her regrets for inability to be present and suggesting topics for discussion by Conference.

MOTIONS CARRIED:

Voted that the Treasurer send bills "for dues now due and that postal card reminders be sent out at beginning of each fiscal year."

Voted "to leave the dues at present rate (50 cents per year or \$1.50 per triennium) but to suggest that if possible \$1.00 per year be paid to help the General Fund."

Voted "that the Executive Committee choose a strong working Committee composed of one Deaconess in each Province to act as a regional representative or 'CLEARING HOUSE AGENCY' for the Committee."

Voted—appreciation to Bishop Randall, to Dr. Jewell and to the ladies of St. Andrew's Parish.

—greetings to Deaconess Fuller; to Deaconesses Dahlgren and Gillespy; to Bishop Manning; to our sister Deaconesses in England.

—message of sympathy to Deaconess Macdonald.

—"thanks to Deaconess Thompson and other officers" for preparing material for the Prayer Leaflet and "The Deaconess."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: New members elected—Edith M. Adams, Ruth Johnson, Kate S. Mayer, Eleanor P. Smith. Deaconess Adams appointed Deaconess Smith temporary Chairman. and Deaconess Mayer temporary Sec.-Treas. to serve until the new Executive Committee could meet and begin functioning.

Letters from absent Deaconesses were passed around for reading.

The meeting adjourned.

Deaconesses present at the meeting:

Adams, Edith	Betz	Brainerd	Crow	King	Parsons	Truesdell
Allen	Booth	Brereton	Gilliland	Le Hew	Sargent	Weaver
Bedell	Booz	Cooper	Hettler	Ormerod	Smith, Eleanor	Wilson

TREASURER'S REPORT—DEC. 27, 1937 — OCT. 4, 1940

GENERAL FUND		
RECEIPTS		\$433.79
EXPENDITURES:		
"The Deaconess" and Prayer Leaflet printing and postage.....	\$242.31	
General Convention expenses	66.72	
Mimeographing ballots and appeals.....	17.82	
Secretarial expense, postage	36.65	
		<u>363.50</u>
BALANCE		\$70.29
EMERGENCY FUND		
RECEIPTS	\$142.67	
DISBURSEMENTS, grants	125.00	
		<u>\$17.67</u>
BALANCE		\$17.67
Total in Treasury, October 4, 1940.....		\$87.96

Respectfully submitted,
AMY G. THOMPSON, Deaconess, Sec.-Treas.

Treasurer's Report, Feb. 24, 1941:

GENERAL FUND	\$75.67
EMERGENCY FUND	78.25
	<u>\$153.92</u>

AMY G. THOMPSON, Deaconess, Treas. pro tem.

FURTHER BUSINESS of meeting in Kansas City:

It was reported that fewer issues of "The Deaconess" and the Prayer Leaflet were necessitated by the lack of sufficient funds in Treasury.

Discussions:

1. Advisability of ending one Deaconess to General Convention to manage the Deaconess booth, paying her expenses from National Conference funds. (No action taken).
2. How meet the need for a central headquarters of the Order? Various suggestions were made: that a "Head Deaconess" be elected; that the New York Training School be made the center, and the head of that school to act as "Head Deaconess"; that a provincial organization be set up with a "Head Deaconess" in each Province. This discussion resulted in the vote noted elsewhere that the Executive Committee set up a committee of provincial representatives.
3. The matter of Associates. The idea back of the plan is "that Associates and Deaconesses work and pray for each other in a plan of mutual helpfulness and benefit to the Order as a whole, particularly in the education of Church people as to the value of the Order to the Church." A committee was chosen to work out details,—Deaconess Newbold, Chairman; Deaconess Sargent and Deaconess Eleanor Smith with The Very Rev. James P. DeWolfe, New York, as adviser.

Deaconess Eleanor Smith extended a cordial invitation to all Deaconesses to always consider St. Faith's their headquarters in New York, and Deaconess Sargent extended a cordial welcome to all to consider the Chicago School as headquarters in the middle west.

Deaconess Sargent also gave an interesting account of the history of Deaconess work in Chicago. Thanks to friends of the Order, the Deaconesses in Chicago now have a home of their own (212 So. Ashland Boulevard) and the Training School is entirely separate from Chase House Settlement. Deaconess Wilson is the acting head of the School.

OTHER MEETINGS:

OPEN MEETING, Friday evening, Oct. 11th, at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral Guild Hall for purpose of interesting delegates to General Convention in the Deaconess Order. Bishop Wing of South Florida presided. Speakers were: Rural work—Bishop Jenkins of Nevada and Deaconess Brereton, Dante, Virginia; City Mission work—Bishop Randall of Chicago and Deaconess Weaver, Chicago.

Meeting of the **RETIRING FUND** for **DEACONESES** held immediately following National Conference was adjourned for lack of a quorum.

REUNIONS: N. Y. Training School at Harvey Hotel.
Pacific Training School at Hyde Park Hotel.

EXHIBIT: The Exhibit was planned and arranged by Deaconess Wilson (in charge) and Deaconess Weaver. Its purpose was "to show the consecrated life of the Deaconess and also to show the Retiring Fund." On either side of a large silver Cross a poster was hung,—"*Set Apart*," a picture of a Deaconess receiving a blessing before a figure representing Our Blessed Lord, and "*The Retiring Fund for Deaconesses*," a picture of a Deaconess looking off into the sunset. Effectively hung on one side of the blue-curtained booth were the Scrolls showing the history of the Order, and opposite was a table displaying Deaconess literature for distribution.

(NOTE: Copies of the Deaconess Scroll in black and white are available at twenty cents a copy by applying to Deaconess West, 2914 Broadway, New York. Proceeds will go to the Retiring Fund.)

COMMENT by Deaconess Booth and Deaconess Brereton, Dante, Va.

"Much has happened since we drove away from the Cathedral at Kansas City with the Bishops' Pastoral Letter ringing in our ears, inspiring us to go 'Forward in Service,' but many of the incidents are still fresh in our minds. One of the most inspiring memories was seeing so many Deaconesses hurrying hither and yon! It was interesting too, to note the number who had charge of exhibits, showing the work in which they are engaged. The Deaconess booth was patronized by many who really wished to know more about the Order, and Deaconess Brereton was much impressed with the number of Clergy who came down to secure information after the Deaconess Canon had been under discussion. It was wonderful to meet and know so many of the Order, who up to this time had merely been names to us, and to gain from them that feeling of corporateness as we are united in the Master's work. Deaconess Betz deserves much credit and praise for the way she planned for our comfort and activities. She seemed to be everywhere at once, and made us feel entirely at home. It was a grand Convention and our only regret is that the whole Order of Deaconesses could not have been there one hundred per cent to share in all the inspiration and blessings we received."

Ordered during the Triennium

Mary Christiana Hettler,	Dec. 21, 1937, Chicago
Amelia Brereton,	May 12, 1938, New York
Ruth Johnson,	May 12, 1938, New York
Evelyn E. Seymour,	May 12, 1938, New York
Anne W. Newman,	May 11, 1939, New York
Mary S. E. Dawson,	May 28, 1939, Berkeley, Calif.
Marian Brown,	June 8, 1939, Philadelphia
Madeline Dunlap,	Sept. 8, 1939, Springfield, Ill.

There are THREE CANDIDATES for the Diaconate:

Miss Alice E. Sweet, a graduate of the Hartford School of Religious Education, who is in charge of the Mission of the Good Shepherd, Splashdam, Virginia.

Miss E. E. Carter, from the Diocese of Atlanta, a student of the New York Training School for Deaconesses.

Miss Gayle Lansing, from the Diocese of West Texas, an alumna of The New York Training School.

Miss Carter and Miss Lansing were admitted to a special period of testing as candidates. During the service, a small silver Cross set in a wooden Cross was presented to each of the two Candidates by the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Sparks, who also made the address. The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Shepard read the prayers and pronounced the benediction.

"The Diaconate—A Call to Women." Such is the title of the little booklet written by Deaconess M. Christian Syngé, our English sister Deaconess. Are we American Deaconesses doing all we can to call women to enter a life of service which has brought us inspiration and joy? May we feel the need for this ministry so strongly ourselves, that we may become active instead of passive, and "let our lives enforce what our lips utter"! The days before us in this country will need the ministry of Deaconesses, and the need will be urgent. Let us pray, work and succeed in "bringing many souls to Thy love,"—Servants in the Church of Christ.

ROMOLA DAHLGREN, Deaconess.

The many friends of Deaconess Knapp will be glad to know that in these troublous times she has left Japan for her own land. She is not at all well and went from the steamer to a hospital in Los Angeles, but may be reached through her friend and former nurse, Miss Florence Henderson, 1825 South Oxford St., Los Angeles, Calif.

The permanent address of Deaconess Dahlgren and Deaconess Gillespy is Paradise Road, R. F. D., Newport, Rhode Island.

What Deaconess or group of Deaconesses will assume responsibility for editing "The Deaconess" in the future? This Editor CANNOT again undertake to do so. Please communicate with the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Excerpts from "THE NEWS SHEET" of the ENGLISH CONFERENCE of Deaconesses for January, 1941.

EDITORIAL: "How privileged are those of us whose work has called us to and kept us in a 'bombed' area. . . . The comradeship of mutual suffering and mutual carrying on in difficult circumstances, men and women are level indeed when all are brushing up glass from shattered windows while rain water pours down the staircase. The Church means something more than a building when its worship is housed in a schoolroom, or with gaping holes in the roof. Barriers are quickly pulled down when you share a common shelter. And how unconcerned we gradually become. During the early raids every sound was a danger; now we have learned to gauge the distance of bombs, and barrage, and incendiaries are, with luck, a matter of buckets of earth and dustbin lids."

Annual Conference (Advance programme) June 18th and 19th. "It is hoped that the Conference may be held in London at Gilmore House. Seer Green, Beaconsfield, has been suggested as an alternative. Subject, 'Religious Education'."

The "News Sheet" lists the ordinations of two deaconesses last September, and quotes from the sermon at one,—on the *Ministry of Building and Restoration*. "It is not the buildings but the

soul of the people that matters: . . . A people which holds fast to the Eternal Truth revealed in the Incarnate Son of God can never be either conquered or enslaved. . . . The enduring work is that which is personal, which brings a soul not to a gathering but to the Cross."

The regular training course is being carried on in a new location, Gilmore House having become a "noisy and dangerous place." Six appointments are listed for the Southwark Diocese (London).

"*News from Overseas*" speaks of a Retreat in the Los Angeles Deaconess House.

Three deaconesses "since Coventry's bad raid seem to have been having rather varied experiences, such as 'making out ration-books for cows' and being 'shot out of a Post-Office delivery van on a slippery morning with, fortunately, nothing worse than a few bruises.'" The "cheery letter" ends, "I wonder if you heard our Provost on the wireless on Christmas Day . . . when he spoke from the ruins of the Cathedral? I think he was typical of the spirit of the Church in Coventry . . ."

Under the heading "*Books*" an article (in bombed England!) begins "Deaconesses will doubtless be keeping a watch on the Penguin Special Publication," and ends with "There must be many valuable and delightful books which Deaconesses have read during the last twelve months. It would indeed be good if through the NEWS SHEET such advantage and enjoyment could be suggested to others."

During the past Triennium some of our sister Deaconesses have entered the Larger Life:

Amelia P. Butler,	Feb. 8, 1939	Clarine Woodward,	Sept. 5, 1939
Mary C. Carroll,	Feb. 9, 1939	Josephine A. Lyon,	Jan. 10, 1940
Mary B. Mott,	Apr. 21, 1939	Mabel L. McKinlay,	Mar. 29, 1940
Julia Morand,	May 5, 1939	Jean M. Colesberry,	May 21, 1940
Mary L. Kneeves,	July 5, 1939	Nora A. Van Nostrand,	Sept. 9, 1940

G. Edwardina Crane, Oct. 9, 1940

Since National Conference in Kansas City:

Ellen S. Humphreys,	Oct. 23, 1940
Eva H. Crump,	Jan. 27, 1941
Anna M. Barbour,	May 10, 1941
Agnes Hodgkiss,	May 10, 1941

"Eternal rest grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them."

Yea, Willard *Sept 10 41*
IN MEMORIAM

Deaconess *Jean W. Colesberry*, set apart October 2nd, 1898, died May 21st, 1940. For a year she was Deaconess Sanford's assistant at the Church Training and Deaconess House in Philadelphia, after which she was appointed by Bishop Whitaker to open and direct St. Martha's House, Philadelphia, which shortly became a great power for good in the district. Deaconess Colesberry loved her Lord and hence loved humanity. She was sensitive, and sympathetic, and withal, had a keen sense of humor which was a help to her as well as to her associates. Deaconess Colesberry had an especial gift for dealing with young women. "Some Reminiscences" written just before her death reveal the happy home life of her childhood.

Deaconess *Ellen S. Humphreys*, who had been set apart in Philadelphia, May 1911, died October 23rd, 1940. Her first work took her to New York where she served under the City Mission. Later Deaconess Humphreys went to the Church of the Advocate in the Bronx, New York; here she spent several years doing particularly successful work with a Weekday School of Religious Education. For a while Deaconess Humphreys assisted Deaconess Stuart in the Church Training and Deaconess House, Philadelphia.

Mary Louise Kneeves and *Eva Hammitt Crump* began a life long friendship when they were students in the New York Training School. Both were graduates in the Class of 1907, and although they worked in different fields after they were set apart, they spent their vacations together. After their retirement, Deaconess Kneeves from Trinity Church, Ossining, N. Y., and Deaconess Crump from High Shoals, N. C., they lived together in England and later returned to this country. In the summer of 1938 Deaconess Crump suffered a stroke from which she never recovered, although she lived in a Nursing Home until January 27, 1941. In the summer of 1939 Deaconess Kneeves died in New York after a short illness leaving her invalid friend to the care of others. These friends had each made a will leaving her estate to the survivor. When Deaconess Crump did she left her estate and also what she had inherited from Deaconess Kneeves to The Retiring Fund for Deaconesses. Both of these friends were buried from Trinity Church, Ossining, and the bodies laid to rest in adjoining graves in Dale Cemetery, Ossining.

On October 9, 1940, Deaconess *Edwardina Crane* died at the Episcopal Eye and Ear Hospital in Washington, D. C. On the Sunday before her death she observed her thirty-first anniversary as Deaconess. She was a graduate of the New York Training School. Deaconess Crane was engaged in the work of religious education most of her life. She worked as a missionary in Cuba and Puerto Rico; a teacher at Hannah More Academy in Reisters, Maryland; Dean of Women at St. Mary's School, Knoxville, Ill.; Director of Religious Education at St. Luke's Church, Baltimore. The last ten years of her life she was House Mother at the Episcopal Eye and Ear Hospital. She was a noble spirit, who bore her years of almost constant suffering with fortitude and patience. A memorial window, the subject of which is the Incarnation, has been given in her memory by the nurses, and will be placed over the Altar in the Hospital Chapel at an early date.

May they go from strength to strength and be permitted to behold the King in His Beauty.

Deaconess Johnson

THE DEACONESS

ISSUED BY THE

National Conference — Deaconesses of the Church

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RUTH JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN, 427 SOUTH 45TH STREET, PHILADELPHIA
EDITH M. ADAMS, FRANCES AFFLECK, EDITH A. BOOTH,
ELIZABETH FRACKER, ELEANOR P. SMITH, MARY FRANCES WARD
AMY G. THOMPSON, SEC.-TREAS. PRO TEM, UPPER RED HOOK, N. Y.

NOVEMBER, 1941

THE MEETING OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE DEACONESSSES OF THE CHURCH

Date: Friday, October 3, 1941.
Place: St. Faith's House, New York.
Present: Thirty-three Deaconesses.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by the Chairman, Deaconess Ruth Johnson, who opened with prayer. A short address of welcome was given by Bishop Manning with his blessing. When the death of Deaconess Mitchell was announced the Conference stood for silent prayer.

At the suggestion of the Chairman the minutes of the meeting preparatory to the Triennial, and also those of the Triennial were omitted since the May "Deaconess," copies of which were in the hands of those present, contained a full account.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Deaconess Amy Thompson, was read. After discussion it was voted to pay expenses for mailing notices of the Retreat and Conference from the proceeds. Six dollars and sixty-one cents were refunded, with which correction the Report was ordered on file.

Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Associates: Since Dean De Wolfe and Deaconess Eleanor Smith, appointed by National Conference, 1940, had been unable to meet with her, Deaconess Newbold, Chairman, summarized her own and the opinions of several other deaconesses with whom she had discussed the matter. While the idea of Associates was approved it was VOTED that a Rule of Life be not required of Associates. VOTED that during the coming year all Deaconesses endeavor to enlist lay women of the Church to work and pray for the advancement of the Order, a report to be made at the next Conference.

The Chairman reported the resignations of Deaconesses Macdonald and Mayer from the Executive Committee; also that Deaconess Amy Thompson had been asked to continue as Secretary-Treasurer until a successor can be found; that, in response to the appeal made in the last issue, Deaconess Ethel E. Spencer had offered to edit the November "Deaconess." The Conference approved these appointments.

Adjournment for meeting of Corporation of The Retiring Fund:

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Corporation of The Retiring Fund for Deaconesses met at St. Faith's House, New York, on October 3rd, being adjourned from September 26th, for lack of a quorum. Twenty-seven deaconesses were present. The President, Deaconess Edith M. Adams, and the Vice-President, Deaconess Frances B. Affleck, being unavoidably absent, Deaconess Ruth Johnson presided at the meeting.

The Secretary, Deaconess Mary C. West, read the Annual Report and a summary of the Treasurer's Report. The past year has been an unusual one in several ways; there were no meetings of the Directors, the business being carried on by correspondence; no deaconesses were "ordered" but six died, one a Beneficiary of The Retiring Fund. The distribution and use of the Pence Box, brought an offering at the Annual Meeting of \$145.51. A bequest of \$4,000 came to the Fund from the will of Deaconess Eva Hammitt Crump. Other contributions were just short of \$1000. The Woman's Auxiliary of Chicago is still the largest contributor, their monthly checks totalling over \$200 during the year. Almost every parish and mission in the Diocese of Los Angeles has given during the year past. Yearly contributions come from the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Dallas, also from Calvary Church, Summit, New Jersey. A Night Branch at St. John's Church, Georgetown, Diocese of Washington, is a monthly contributor. Deaconess Paterson sent in \$18.00 from the sale of her hand painted Christmas Cards.

The Treasurer reports the value of the Fund according to present market quotations (which change daily) at \$60,000. Investments of the Fund bring an average income of 4% which amount pays the necessary expenses and the grants to the Beneficiaries. As Savings Bank interest is 2% or less, investments are necessary. The Fund has had very few losses, owing to the good judgment and constant care of the Treasurer, Mr. Edmund Ruffin Beckwith. Stocks and bonds are worth much less than when they were bought, in some cases, which keep the Endowment from being quoted at a higher figure. But the Fund as a whole is sound and in safe keeping and is doing what it was incorporated to do.

At the Annual Meeting, Deaconess Henrietta R. Goodwin was re-elected a member of the Board of Directors, and Deaconess Gertrude Stewart was elected a new member. At the Directors meeting, also held on October 3rd, Deaconess Edith Adams was re-elected President; Deaconess Ruth Johnson, Vice-President; and Deaconess Mary C. West re-elected Secretary.

The Pence Box Offering will be made at each Annual Meeting, by vote of the members present at the Corporation Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
MARY C. WEST, Secretary.

The Conference next considered the recommendations and actions of the Triennial in Kansas City.

PROVINCIAL CHAIRMEN—to represent the Order at Provincial Meetings, assist the Executive Committee to further the interests of the Order, each Chairman to be a committee of One on Publicity. Motion carried.

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES—

- Prov. 1—Deaconess Henrietta P. Goodwin, 15 Newbury St., Boston, Mass.
- Prov. 2—Deaconess Lydia A. Ramsay, 419 West 110th St., New York City.
- Prov. 3—Deaconess Elizabeth G. Newbold, 8622 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia.
- Prov. 4—Deaconess Harriet Bedell, Glade Cross Mission, Everglades, Fla.
- Prov. 5—Deaconess Edna M. Sargent, 212 S. Ashland Blvd., Chicago.
- Prov. 6—Deaconess Mary P. Truesdell, 126 W. 14th St., Davenport, Iowa.
- Prov. 7—Deaconess Lillian W. Crow, 229 N. Ewing Ave., Dallas, Texas.
- Prov. 8—Deaconess Margaret Booz, Pacific Grove, California.

PRAYER LEAFLET Editors:

- Nov. 1941: Provinces, 5, 6—Deaconess Edna M. Sargent, 212 S. Ashland Blvd., Chicago.
- Feb. 1942: Provinces 3, 4—Deaconess Margaret S. Bechtol, 1440 M. St., Washington, D. C.
- May 1942: Provinces 7, 8—Los Angeles Chapter, 542 So. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles.
- Aug. 1942: Provinces 1, 2—Deaconess Gertrude Stewart, Rutland, Vermont.

Material for the Prayer Leaflet should be sent to the Editor before the first of the month designated.

Motions Carried:

Voted that one Deaconess be sent to General Convention to manage the Deaconess Booth, her expenses to be paid from the General Fund.

Voted to begin plans now for next Triennial Conference, to endeavor to secure a place on the Programs of the Woman's Auxiliary and of the Youth Conference.

Voted to send a telegram to Dean De Wolfe expressing sympathy on the death of his mother; Deaconess Dahlgren to send telegrams to Deaconesses Knapp and Fuller.

Voted that Deaconess Eleanor Smith send to the Conductor of the Retreat a letter of appreciation and thanks.

Letters were read from absent Deaconesses. Deaconess Dahlgren read excerpts from the English News Letter, Deaconess Booth told of advance work in Southwestern Virginia, Deaconess Crow of continued growth in the Texas Mission. Deaconess Armstrong reported on work at Upper Red Hook, Deaconess Amy Thompson teaches a class in Religion at the Public School, Red Hook. Deaconess English told of a class in Religion, All Saints, Virgin Islands, held during released time from the Public Schools.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND:

Balance November, 1940.....	\$ 76.29	
Dues, Gifts 1941	119.50	
		\$195.79

EXPENDITURES:

"The Deaconess" and Prayer Leaflet printing.....	\$ 33.50
Retreat Notices	6.61
Statement of Dues.....	9.75
Secretary's Expenses	6.00
Chairman's Expenses	6.30
	62.16

Balance	\$133.63
Refund	6.61
Total Balance, October 11, 1941.....	\$140.24

EMERGENCY FUND:

Balance November 1, 1940.....	\$ 78.25
Receipts, 1941	6.00
Total	\$84.25

Treasurer's Report, October 11, 1941:

GENERAL FUND	\$140.24
EMERGENCY FUND	82.25
Total	\$224.49

Respectfully submitted,
AMY G. THOMPSON, Deaconess, Sec.-Treas., pro tem.

Deaconesses present at Retreat and Conference, St. Faith's: Mabel Adams, Armstrong, Booth, Brereton, Lillian Brown, Crow, Chappell, Dahlgren, Dora Dawson, Dowding, English, Gillespy, Goodwin, Mary Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Mayer, Eliza Mills, Newbold, Nicholas, Katrina Patterson, Peck, Pennock, Ramsay, Ranson, Schodts, Simpson, Eleanor Smith, Stewart, Amy Thompson, Ruby Thompson, Tileston, and West.

COMMENTS ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING PROVISION FOR OLD AGE

In April 1940 a questionnaire was sent out by the Advisory Committee on Deaconesses, to all Deaconesses of the Church, asking definite information on financial status—for a record not of individuals but of the Order in general. Exactly 200 questionnaires were sent, and 182 returned—an unusual record of cooperation for any survey. Of the 18 missing 8 were of Deaconesses abroad.

The questions were for the purpose of finding out how many deaconesses need financial aid, their approximate ages, and also the sources of support chiefly used, and to assist in making tentative plans for aid. Certain facts indicated by the questionnaire should be considered by all of us.

1. Of the 182 replying, 36 report only partial provision ("reasonably certain") for old age, 36—no provision. Among these are a number of Deaconesses in the "over 65" age-group. This should be remedied quickly, but the percentage of need in this group is lower than in any other. Sources of income for this group—private resources, annuities, pensions, Church Homes—unpledged recognition of years of faithful service.

2. A large proportion of those in the age groups from 25-55 report inadequate security for old age. While we all know of Deaconesses who, having given themselves to the service of the Church without assurance of personal security, have found the way opened for them step by step into tranquil old age, yet it would seem that definite provision should be made for old age security to the younger members of the Order, and for those who shall enter in the future.

3. Few Deaconesses in any age-group have either annuities or endowment insurance payable at a given age. Of these few some listed theirs as "very small," with some, ability to continue payment of premiums was uncertain, one had been obliged to let her policy lapse. Perhaps this indicates one line along which we should work—urging the taking part of annuity policies, and supplementing the already invaluable work of the Retiring Fund by assisting, where necessary, the keeping up of payments.

4. One of the most serious facts shown by the replies is not financial, and the remedy should be largely in the hands of the Deaconesses themselves—especially the younger ones and those in active service. A large proportion of the Order are in the upper age-groups, 56-65 and over. The Order is not being sufficiently recruited from younger women. Let every Deaconess have this in mind and heart and prayer. And the younger Deaconesses—precisely those who are so busy, so absorbed in the immediate, pressing demands of their own tasks that the Order as a whole is given little thought—are those upon whom naturally falls the greatest responsibility for maintaining the Order. They are the ones whose example must be contagious, and whose appeal to their contemporaries is natural. In every way open to us we must each take her part in stabilizing and increasing the Deaconess Order.

JANE BLISS GILLESPIE, Deaconess.

RETREAT NOTES:

St. Faith's House, New York, Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 1941.

Subject—AND THE LORD SPOKE UNTO US.

Conductor—The Rev. Leicester Lewis, Ph.D., S.T.D., Philadelphia.

A Liturgical Retreat—"The soul illuminated by the light of God needs and desires more freedom." The growing freedom of the soul is bound up with the structure and meaning of the Eucharist. The soul needs freedom from (1) The present, with pressure of constant demands, to be gained now in a silence active within the soul. (2) The past, with pressure of previous bad habits, sins, negligences, through confession and absolution. (3) The future, by resolutions offered for God's blessing.

THE EUCHARIST: The approach—Priest's silent preparation—43rd Psalm—declaration of will to worship, confession, absolution. Aloud—Prayer for Purity, the Kyrie—cry of the soul to God.

Penitence and contrition begins with a vision of God, not self. A sense of unrelieved sin results in psychological frustration, shame. Sins of commission are on the outskirts of the soul, the centre is marred by the "great undones." The only complete satisfaction is through our Saviour.

After the Kyrie, the soul, having looked up to God, now opens itself to God through the teaching of Collect, Epistle, Gospel, and Creed. The function of the intellect is to expand the news of God into every realm of life. See—The Hymn of St. Patrick, No. 525.

The Prayer for the Church takes us back into the devotional atmosphere. Prayer is not trying to make our own plans triumphant, but putting ourselves into God's hands, that we, and those for whom we pray may be united in LOVE which is endless, changeless, in Whom we live eternally. The experience of twenty centuries of Christianity is the laboratory test of the validity of Prayer.

The Sursum Corda—The worship of man united with the angelic hosts of heaven.

In the "Consecration" we offer thanks for the gift of Christ, asking the blessing of The Holy Spirit upon the commonplace offering of bread and wine,—the priest, as Christ's representative, brings us to the Body and Blood of our Lord. So Christ lives in us, and through His Spirit we share Him with others. Sacrifice is not death but development.

The Gloria in Excelsis: Our thanksgiving is offered in deepest gratitude for our Lord, for His gifts, and for the reconsecration of our lives. His perfection and power, added to our imperfection, enable us to see the goodness that He saw in the souls of men. He gives us the peace of the Holy Trinity, peace in the midst of stress, not static but vibrant—that peace consistent with agonizing struggle which yet becomes radiant freedom in the lives of men.

LILLIAN M. CROW, Deaconess.

Retreat for Deaconesses, St. Katharines' School, Davenport, Iowa.

Time—September 9-12, 1941.

Conductor—The Very Rev. Rowland F. Philbrook, D.D., Davenport.

The Sisters of St. Mary offered the hospitality of their school and hill-top campus for our first Middle West Deaconess Retreat. The addresses were based on Revelation 1:10, 12, 17, 18, 19 and 20. Six Deaconesses attended, and all found it most helpful and inspiring. It is hoped that a Retreat may be held again in the Middle West for those Deaconesses who cannot go to New York.

MARY P. TRUESDELL, Deaconess.

Retreat for Deaconesses and Sisters, St. Mary's Deaconess Chapel, Los Angeles, California, October 27-30, 1941.

Conductor—The Rev. Wesley A. Havenmale, La Crescenta, Sec'y Retreats, Los Angeles.

Six Deaconesses and four Sisters attended. The Conductor provided each of us with a full outline, typed, with space between each division to be filled in with our own notes, a most helpful method, based on the Ignatian system of meditation.

Subject: Our Vocation. There were six addresses: Day of "Ordering," Our Example, Forebearance and Mercy of God, Our Joys, Lukewarmness and the Attracting Power of the Passion, and The Blessed Sacrament. Each address was followed by a period of silent meditation when the Conductor, who made the Retreat with us, took his place in the congregation.

ETHEL E. SPENCER, Deaconess, Sec'y, L. A. Chapter.

TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR DEACONESES

The *New York School* will operate for the coming year on a plan that is new in its history. Because of its conservative budget, St. Faith's House has introduced a cooperative arrangement whereby students will share in household duties. Another new feature is the opportunity being offered to students who hold the degree of Bachelor of Arts to work at Teacher's College, Columbia University, toward the degree of Master of Arts. One senior is already doing this outside work. Students may also take secretarial work.

The changes in no way interfere with the regular work of the school, nor its hours. As before, emphasis is placed on training for the Deaconess Order, or for Church work in other fields. (The Living Church). A senior student, Helen Leslie Taylor, is a candidate for the Diaconate.

St. Margaret's House, 1820 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, California. This year there are four students in training, two of whom have special fields. One is interested in college work; another, in teaching.

Concerning two graduates of the Deaconess Training School of the Pacific: Deaconess Margaret Booz has, within the past year, transferred her field of service from Yerrington, Nevada, to the parish of St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, Pacific Grove, Diocese of California.

Deaconess Mary Dawson, ordered in 1939, after completion of St. Margaret's full training course, returned to her former field, the Philippine Islands. She is working at one of the most remote stations in the Islands, St. Francis Assissi, Upi, Cotabato, Mindanao. A pony, the gift of the W. A., carries her where traveling in other ways would be almost impossible. She writes, "As we went along today we noticed many homes deserted, which looked discouraging for our meeting. But upon reaching the place of meeting our two hostesses were cheerful. 'They are all coming,' they said, one pointing with her chin down the steep slope to the rice fields below. There we saw a line of people winding along a path, our congregation, leaving their rice harvesting to come. They made a pretty picture, some with baskets on their heads, some carrying babies on their hips. Little children flocked around them. In ten minutes they were all with us."

ETHEL M. SPRINGER, Dean.

The Training School of the Diocese of Chicago.

For some years the City Mission Deaconesses lived at Chase House, a Settlement House carried on by the Church under the direction of Deaconess Fuller. Three years ago, owing to ill health, Deaconess Fuller was unable to continue her work. When a house was bought across the street from Chase House, it was hoped that she would be able to carry on the Training School here when her health recovered. However, she is still in a nursing home. There are no students in the House this Fall, but the Deaconesses will be very glad to welcome into residence any one who may come for training under the direction of Miss Aimee Drake at the Seabury Western Seminary.

CITY MISSIONS, in the Diocese of Chicago, is under the Department of Church Extension, and the members of the City Mission staff, four priests, five Deaconesses and several part time workers visit Institutions in and about Chicago for the purpose of extending the Kingdom of our Blessed Lord. The Deaconesses assist the Clergy at Services carried on regularly in twenty or more institutions. They prepare people for Holy Baptism and Confirmation, visit the sick and dying, and try to cheer and help the lonely and discouraged.

