



**NEWS
LETTER**

From the Church Training
and
Deaconess House
1891---1938

and

St. Mary's House
Philadelphia Divinity School
1938---1952

Now associated with
Windham House
in New York

MAY, 1956

THE NEWS LETTER

December 1955 to May 1956

Fifty-fifth Year

ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, MAY 24TH 1956

AT THE

CHURCH HOUSE (WOM. AUX. ROOMS)

202 West Rittenhouse Square

Philadelphia, Pa.

AT 6:30 P.M.

Price \$1.50 per person. (To be
paid for at that time.)

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MAY 19TH

SEND THIS TO: Miss Elizabeth A. Jenks
333 W. Hansberry Street
Philadelphia 44, Pa.

EPIPHANY TEA

The Epiphany Tea Party was held at the Leamy Home on the afternoon of January 6th. Deaconess E.M. Brainerd acted as chief hostess, assisted by several of the officers of the Alumnae Association, and a few of the ladies in residence at the Leamy. The refreshments were mostly donated and were delicious and much appreciated, especially the sandwiches made by Jane Henk. Only eleven members of the Alumnae were present, but several other guests; made the group larger. They all said it was a very enjoyable occasion and worthwhile getting together once again. The special offering came into the treasurer from many who could not attend, and is reported in her accounts. Thank you all, who once more shared in that effort. The Treasurer reported at the meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 10th, 1956, that the total Epiphany Offering amounted to \$94.50, which has been sent to the Director of Windham House for her Discretionary Fund.

MISS TURNBULL'S FAREWELL LETTER

Dear Deaconess Stewart:

December 10, 1955

Your splendid Newsletter has just come and I hasten to thank you for it, because I always enjoy reading it, and also I am sending you the news on the enclosed release because I want you to know and also it is the simplest way of letting you have the information for the next Newsletter.

I leave Windham House after eleven and a half years here with very mixed emotions. God has been awfully good to me, and in many ways I hate to leave, but I believe He means me to go to the World Council. I am grateful to Him and to many of you for the happy association of the past few years with the students, Alumnae, Board member-friends of the Church Training and Deaconess House of Philadelphia. Needless to say, I shall hope to continue many of these associations.

I am leaving Windham House December 31st to go home to Baltimore to be with my eighty year old mother and the rest of my large family for approximately three months of convalescence between jobs. The doctor wants me to have this. I shall sail for Europe

the facilities a great deal. We are most grateful to the C.T. & D.H. for the gift of \$500.00 to make this remodeling possible, and know that by next September the kitchenette will be one of the most attractive places in the House.

There will be, as last year during the month of July, a special summer session sponsored by the National Council. Mrs. Grant will be in charge of the household matters. The rest of the summer session staff will be drawn from elsewhere, as Miss Quist will be supervising students in summer field work in Minnesota and it is time for me to take the summer off for rest and study.

The year, as a whole, has gone very well although there are many things we would like to have done that were impossible because we have been short one member of the Staff since January. We are hoping that a Director will be elected by May so that school will open in September with a full Staff.

I saw Maude Cutler last week. She and Agnes Hickson seem very happy in their little house on the grounds at Seabury House. She's working hard on the Parents' materials for the Seabury Series and seems to enjoy her work very much.

Thanks so much for your prayers and good wishes for us in the work at Windham House and I hope very much to be able to come to the Annual Dinner and Meeting on May 24th.

Sincerely,

OLIVE MAE MULICA
Acting Director of Windham
House.

NOTE OF THANKS FROM DEACONESS EDITH A. BOOTH

Deaconess Edith A. Booth of The Central House for Deaconesses reports as follows about the Gift of our Alumnae for the Library:

"You ask about the balance of the Memorial Fund

for the two Head Deaconesses of the Philadelphia School. We have not purchased the books as yet. Dr. Yerkes is in correspondence with various Publishers both here and in England. The money is in the bank safely here in Sycamore. I would like to say again how much I appreciate this gift and I know that the books that are purchased with this will be a fitting memorial to the women they honor."

She also sent a folder announcing a Conference for Women Church Workers to be held there from July 9 - 19, 1956. The Theme is "that by the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for Thy service" (From the 2nd Collect for Whitsunday.)

There will be three lecture periods each day, and an evening program. There are recreation facilities within easy reach. The total cost will be \$60.00. (\$5.00 of this to be sent with Registration). Full information can be secured by writing to:

DEACONESS EDITH A. BOOTH

The Central House for Deaconesses.

Sycamore, Illinois.

NOTE: A total of 59 Alumnae Members raised the Memorial Fund for the Central House for Deaconesses. Graduates after Deaconess Carter's Day were not solicited, but some did give to the Fund. Editor.

NOMINATIONS FOR ALUMNAE OFFICERS

To be elected on May, 24th. (Other nominations may be made from the floor if requested.)

President - Eva M. Edwards.
Vice-President - Deaconess E. M. Brainerd.
Secretary - Jane A. Henk.
Treasurer - Lola I. Poppleton.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:-

Intercessory - Sarah R. Thomas and Deaconess E. M. Brainerd.

Extension - Maude Cutler and Miss E.M. Springer.

Publication - Deaconess Gertrude Stewart.

Finance - Jennie Hilsee

Submitted by,

ESTHER A. KLEIN
Chairman of Nominating
Committee.

THE DEACONESS RETIRING FUND SOCIETY

(Delayed Report)

President, The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of Pa.

Vice-President, Mr. Jasper W. Nicolls.

Secretary, Miss Elizabeth A. Jenks.

Trustees:- The Vice-President, Treasurer and Mr. Morris Duane, Deaconesses Kaighn and Brainerd.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 1, 1954 to April 30, 1955

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT: - RECEIPTS

Balance, May 1, 1954	\$	52.64
Proceeds, Sale of Securities		11,416.75
Dues - Dss. Marian Brown		10.00
Legacy - Dss. A. Josephine Peterson		1,663.72
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Total Receipts	\$	<u>13,143.11</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Purchased of Securities	\$	<u>13,010.01</u>
Balance, April 30, 1955	\$	<u><u>133.10</u></u>

INCOME ACCOUNT: - RECEIPTS

Balance May 1, 1954	\$	3,063.27
Interest on Investments		3,103.35
		3,103.35
Total Receipts	\$	6,166.62

DISBURSEMENTS:

Security Custody Fee 1954	\$	137.00
Annunities & Special Bonus to 7 Deaconesses 7/1/54; 1/3/55	\$	2,978.54
		2,978.54
Balance April 30, 1955	\$	3,051.08

As of January 16, 1956 - there are 6 Annuitants since the death of Dss. Rearden.

Submitted by,

ELIZABETH A. JENKS
Secretary

PERSONALS

1896. Deaconess Ruth E. Byllesby, who has her 60th anniversary as a graduate of the C.T. & D.H. this year, had a long residence in a hospital last fall, but has recovered enough to return to the Home "Resthaven" again. She has fine care there. She gave many years of devoted work to the Church, both in parish and institutional work.

1906 - 1956

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS CLASS

There were six members of this class. Three became deaconesses, two after some years of full time church work married, but have continued as volunteer workers in many capacities, and one became a social church worker, doing mostly Settlement House work.

In a personal letter she told of having "taught a very rewarding class of women studying the history of the Jews." That is only a glimpse into the many activities she has had all these years in her parish and her diocese. She has been the Diocesan President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Albany in the years past, and has held other offices, as well as teaching church school classes, and Mission Study groups each Lent. Twice she has served with Miss Springer on our Alumnae Association Committee for the Constitution and by-laws, first when they were drawn up, and later when they were revised. The fulfillment of her home and family duties is shown now in the lives of her children.

1910. Rose Wheat Bell wrote with appreciation of the December Newsletter. She said "How marvelous to read of Deaconess Carter and her interests, also the news of others in my class. My duties are not too many in my parish, The Nativity, Cedarcraft, Baltimore, Md. I am serving on the Altar Guild, and on Executive Board of the Woman's Guild, and am Custodian of the United Thank Offering."

1916. Lola I. Poppleton. In the paper issued by The Children's Heart Hospital there is a very appreciative tribute paid to Miss Poppleton, on the occasion of her retirement. Quoting a part of it is the following. "Most of Miss Poppleton's busy life has been devoted to working with and for children. She is full of compassion for the suffering child and has a great desire to lift him against the odds of his life. Clean jovial wit, human kindness, sincerity and sympathy are all a part of her fine personality. Through her own knowledge of nature and the arts, she helps the talented child realize his gifts. The patients at the Heart Hospital were reluctant to part with her when it became known that she had decided to retire. All the staff and friends share her pleasure in being able to relinquish life's more pressing responsibilities while she can still enjoy good health."

1928. Jessie Bartlett Liversidge wrote; "I will never forget Deaconess Carter and the training at C.T. & D.H. I am at present Secretary of the Church Periodical Club of my parish. I have lost touch with many of our Alumnae Members. If any would like me to send a magazine to them no doubt I could do so." (Note. Any one can apply to her for such a gift.