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THE NEW YORK TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DEACONESSSES  
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DEAR ALUMNÆ OF THE SCHOOL:

As usual, the "Deaconesses in Charge" have found it almost impossible, at the beginning of the term, to write the School Letter for the BULLETIN; and yet it means so much to us to talk things over with the Alumnae, and to give them some of the news of St. Faith's House, that we have gone on asking the Editors for time, instead of giving up our chance for the November number.

Perhaps this year our letter may be a little different in tone from some of our epistles in the past, for we wish not only to give our news of the entering class and of the household, but also to speak briefly of the School and its opportunities. This has been much on our minds and on the minds of trusted friends and advisors of St. Faith's.

What is the real task of the School? What need, in the life of the Church, must it strive most faithfully to fill? Such thoughts as these must underlie every question of policy or of curriculum. And from our point of view the key to these problems lies in two words, "Profession" and "Vocation". Of late years, Church workers have come into association—sometimes into competition—with other men and women dealing with more or less the same situations and problems, for which these other workers have been prepared by professional study in college or in specialized schools. If the representative of the Church has had little specialized training, the natural—and desirable—result has been the attempt on her part to equip herself more fully for her own task. Sometimes, unconsciously, the emphasis has gone over from training and equipment into attitude toward life itself; so that we now meet "Church workers" to whom their work is a professional job, pure and simple—a problem to be solved by skill which in its turn can be attained by specialized study alone.

It would be foolish indeed to minimize the value of training—professional training—skill. But from the beginning the work of the Church has been primarily a vocation—a call of God, and an answer to that call. This does not necessarily imply vocation to what is commonly called the Religious Life; but it does mean a religious life, with or without capital letters. The tendency to

forget this is one of the most marked and most saddening features of the present day—a tendency to professionalize vocation.

Just here is, we feel, the opportunity and reason for St. Faith's and for the other Training Schools of the Church. To them is entrusted the possibility of helping women, who have answered what they believe to be a call of God, to gain some measure of that knowledge and skill which will enable them to fulfil their vocation, and to serve effectively and wisely. One must not and cannot ignore the fact that the religious worker needs a background of knowledge of her heritage from the past, of human nature, of the modern world and its problems, or that she must be able to evaluate that knowledge and to use it; but one cannot and must not forget that it is God's work which the Church is doing, and that the fundamental knowledge needed is a personal knowledge of God. Whatever our course of study may be, there must be some space for developing personal religious life, some stress on corporate worship, some emphasis on the real meaning of the adventure we are undertaking together—the Adventure for God.

This year that truth seems more present than sometimes in the past, in the spirit of this busy household. We are not solemn—"Winnie the Pooh" has beguiled many a social hour, and charades still flourish; but we are perhaps more serious at times when seriousness is fitting, and more conscious of the fact that the preparation of the School is for a life, not merely for a work.

Our student body numbers eighteen, eight Seniors and ten in the Junior Class; and we are fortunate in having with us several of the China-mission Alumnae. Althea Bremer, 1913, (St. Faith's School, Yangchow) is studying at Columbia; Anne Brown, 1913, (Church General Hospital, Wuchang) is working in city clinics; Ann Mundelein, 1922-1923, (Hankow) is taking some classes at the School and others outside; and Venetia Cox, 1916, (Hankow) was with us for a month at the beginning of the term. Deaconess Dowding (1927) is helping us on the Staff. Deaconess Armstrong and Deaconess Simpson are still living here—or living in elevated trains and subways between this house and their respective parishes; and Deaconess Bradley (1923) was with us for a month or more, before she could find her own satisfactory apartment near Holy Trinity Church.

Other guests have come and gone, leaving happy memories behind them. Miss Exley, English missionary to South Africa, made two fleeting visits and left a household lamenting her departure. Fr. Bickersteth of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, and Chaplain of one of the English Deaconess Houses, gave us three wonderful hours of his last day in New York, and spoke to the household at the noonday Intercession service, on the subject of Meditation. Bishop Manning, Dean Robbins, Bishop

Burleson, and the Presiding Bishop, have been among our Friday evening speakers; and the Rev. Winfred Douglas, a "Friday evening singer", turned us temporarily into a Plainsong choir.

Thanksgiving Day is already close upon us, but we have not forgotten the ushering in of this month with an All Hallows Eve "mystery" of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, presented under Deaconess Dahlgren's direction, by the Junior Class. Perhaps the influence of this mystery, and the Oratory service following it, may be a more real thing in the life of the School this year than was foreseen by any of us.

ROMOLA DAHLGREN, Deaconess,  
JANE BLISS GILLESPIE, Deaconess.

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## THE ANNUAL MEETING

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### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The forty-first regular meeting, being the fifteenth annual meeting, of the Alumnae Association of the New York Training School for Deaconesses was held at the Cathedral Choir School on Tuesday, September 27, 1927. Fifteen members were present.

The meeting was opened with prayers by the President, Deaconess Schodts.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and ordered on file.

The report of the Bulletin Committee was sent by Miss Hopkins, and showed the returns from letters sent to Alumnae very satisfactory.

Deaconess Schodts proposed for associate membership in the organization Miss Gestner, a former student, now Mrs. Lewis.

The Benefit Fund Committee had no report.

The usual discussion of the Scholarship Fund followed. For the first time in its history we have failed to raise the total amount required as of the first of October. It seemed best to consider whether it is the wish of the Association to continue to make the effort to raise \$500 a year for this purpose. An expression of opinion was asked from those present. Several suggestions were made, as follows:

(1) That the Alumnae continue to solicit and collect funds for a Scholarship Fund, but make no pledge as to the amount to be raised for the purpose.

(2) That donations be solicited and collected for the Endowment Fund of the School.

(3) That the Scholarship Fund be limited to the use of one who intends to be set apart as a Deaconess.

(4) That the Scholarship Fund be continued as heretofore, for an undergraduate, inasmuch as many applicants for admission to the School could not otherwise obtain training.

(5) It was regularly moved and seconded and carried that the Treasurer be authorized to withdraw from the General Fund an amount sufficient to meet the Scholarship Fund for this year and that future action on the pledge for next year be given further consideration.

Miss Marion Holmes reported that as a result of thirteen letters sent to members of her class, five girls sent donations of from five to ten dollars for the Scholarship Fund, amounting in all to \$35.00.

Three had already contributed and only one objected to the raising of the fund.

Deaconess Dahlgren and Deaconess Gillespy stated that it would be a great disappointment to the School if the scholarship were discontinued. The suggestion was made that greater interest on the part of the alumnae might be maintained if they could be kept informed of the progress made and the work accomplished by the former scholarship students. It was therefore moved and seconded that Deaconess Dahlgren be asked to prepare for the BULLETIN such a report, which she agreed to do.

Deaconess Hart moved that some small appeal for the Scholarship Fund be added to the bill for dues, and this motion was duly seconded and carried.

The President reported that the Constitution and By-Laws had been revised and printed and would be distributed to the members.

Deaconess Gillespy suggested that a copy of these be sent to the members of each class on the occasion of their graduation.

After the business of the Association had been transacted, Deaconess Massey made an interesting report of her work in the Philippines. Three years ago her mission was started. Everybody in the community applied for religious instruction, and under the law this was therefore made possible. Three hundred children are receiving this instruction. Two hundred have been baptized—mostly children—and ten have been confirmed, with more to be confirmed next month. It would be possible to bring hundreds to confirmation but careful preparation is deemed necessary. Deaconess has a house and a good water supply, brought through bamboo pipes from a spring in the mountain. She reports her work interesting and engrossing.

Deaconess Hart, being asked to speak of conditions in China, said it was almost impossible to present the subject in a few minutes, but that she would be glad to answer questions. She reported that the Training School for women continued in session until June, that services were going on in the Cathedral, and that

there were many Chinese clergy carrying on the necessary work except in the outlying districts. The Church property in Hankow was reported as all being used, and therefore safe from confiscation. Our schools were out of commission, for the most part, but there was nothing that could be done until some semblance of order is restored.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn, and the alumnae were entertained by Deaconess Mills.

HELEN G. FLAGG, Secretary.

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## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

September 28, 1926 to September 28, 1927

### GENERAL FUND

#### *Receipts*

Balance on hand September 28, 1926.....	\$ 78.22	
Dues and postage received.....	190.31	
Total receipts .....		\$268.53

#### *Expenditures*

Stamped envelopes .....	\$ 8.72	
Foreign stamps and stationery.....	1.85	
Printing .....	5.50	
November, 1926, Bulletin.....	64.00	
Editor, for stamps.....	8.60	
Printing .....	4.75	
Secretary for postage.....	1.46	
Scholarship Fund letters.....	3.60	
June, 1927, Bulletin.....	55.00	
Editor, for stamps.....	7.16	
Paid to Scholarship Fund to make up deficit....	4.92	
Total expenditures .....		165.56
Balance in Treasury .....		\$102.97

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### *Receipts*

Balance on hand September 28, 1926.....	\$ 31.82	
Donations to September 28, 1927.....	460.00	
May interest .....	3.26	
Received from General Fund.....	4.92	
Total receipts .....		\$500.00
Scholarship paid to Deaconess School.....		500.00
Balance on hand October 1, 1927.....		\$000.00

## NOTES ON THE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE FOR DEACONESSES

The Annual Retreat for Deaconesses was held, as usual, at the Training School on September 27, 28, 29, with a closing service at the Cathedral at eight a. m. on Friday, the 30th, followed by breakfast, at which the Rule of Silence was broken, with much chatter and exchanging of experiences by old friends brought together from many fields of work.

There was a large attendance at the Retreat, forty-two staying in the House, and three others who came in for part of the services and meditations. These were conducted by the Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall, Bishop of Vermont, and all present agreed in feeling that his addresses furnished real food for spiritual help and growth. September 29th being the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, the Bishop selected for his general subject, "The Ministry of Angels," which proved a most fruitful and suggestive theme on which were hung, as on a string, many valuable pearls of thought.

There were three meditations each day, and an early celebration of the Holy Communion in one of the beautiful Chapels of the Cathedral, followed by breakfast at St. Faith's, then the meditations (again in the Cathedral) with periods of rest between.

Bishop Hall said—to give a summary only of his addresses—that the angels included the various sort of heavenly beings, angels, archangels, virtues, powers, thrones, cherubim and seraphim, all in perfect subordination to God. He suggested that we think of God first as Unity—ONE Supreme Being—and then, as a natural sequence of thought on the subject, as Three Persons or Attributes, Redeemer, Sanctifier, Holy Spirit, much in the same way as we are conscious in ourselves of our three-fold natures and of our life as being physical, mental and spiritual, yet one personality including the three.

He reminded us that the whole existence of the angels is based on worship, which should be the starting point of all active ministry, or service.

He noted the various occasions in the life of our Master when he experienced the comfort and ministry of the Heavenly Beings. He spoke of the Fall of the Angels as being full of suggestive warning to us—we, like they, being often subject to the same sort of temptation to sins of intellect and the unwise use of power—like them we who are especially "set apart" for special ministries must beware of "presumptuous sins" which so easily beset those in "high (Heavenly) places". Let us beware of thinking ourselves so safely free from the grosser sins of the flesh, that we grow careless as to the sins of spiritual and mental superiority, the wrong use of influence and power, sins "against the Light". The very fact that our vocation should bring us closer to God, must make



us ever mindful of the dangers which come from the knowledge "which puffeth up". Also let us beware lest mental familiarity with evil lead us not to spiritual tolerance with our own shortcomings, and with those of others.

He spoke and even enumerated the special sins of the angels—sins of pride, unbelief, independence of God, rebellion against His will (with setting-up of our own, perhaps); vain-glory, "envy, malice, and all uncharitableness;" the special sins of the pious and good, who are not exempt by any means from special temptations to this sort of failure.

Bishop Hall was in his special room each day for appointments with those who wished to speak with him, and many took advantage of this blessed opportunity.

There were also intercessions each day at noon when many special prayers were offered for those in distress of body or mind, as well as for many engaged in the work of the church.

At the close of the Retreat, on Friday morning, there was held in the library at St. Faith's, a well-attended conference, with Deaconess Fuller, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Deaconesses, presiding.

Many matters of general interest to Deaconesses were discussed, pre-eminently the matter of the Retiring Fund for Deaconesses, started at the last Conference and still small, but growing.

The advisability of joining forces with the Clergy Pension Fund was discussed but voted against. The importance of more Deaconesses attending the Triennial Convention was stressed, and it was carefully explained that those present and voting at these important meetings were by no means trying to place themselves in a special position of authority or prominence, their being present being only an accident, with important bearing on the questions voted upon. A goodly number of those present agreed to make a special effort to attend the next general convention which will be held at Washington in October of next year. Bishops Rhineland and Manning then visited the meeting and spoke briefly, and very much to the point, as to the work of women in the church. Bishop Rhineland frankly referred to the prejudice against Deaconesses to be found among the clergy, and impressed upon those present the importance of overcoming this prejudice by greater cooperation with other workers, and so forth.

There were many pleasant reunions and opportunities for exchange of views and experiences which were greatly appreciated by such a large group of busy women, who separated with real regret, feeling that the retreat and conference had been both inspiring and helpful to all taking part in them.

There were many expressions of appreciation of the generous hospitality of the Deaconess School, which was in perfect order, every arrangement having been made for the comfort and con-

venience of guests. During meals when the Rule of Silence was rigidly observed, there were readings from a book recommended by Bishop Hall—the Autobiography of Miss Elizabeth Sewell, the well-known English authoress and teacher.

VIRGINIA C. YOUNG.

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### NEW YORK CHAPTER OF DEACONESSES

At the October meeting the Chapter was the guest of Deaconess Virginia Young, at 17 Beekman Place.

The meeting was preceded by a delightful luncheon, and by a most helpful address by the Rev. Eliot White, of Grace Church. There were seventeen Deaconesses present.

It was voted to have the secretary of the New York Chapter report on the conference meeting every year at the meeting of the New York Chapter in October.

The motion was passed that it be incorporated in the Minutes of this meeting that the precedent was established in September, 1927, of having the Conference of Deaconesses following the Annual Retreat conducted by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Deaconesses, instead of by the President of the New York Chapter of Deaconesses, as had been the custom heretofore.

By unanimous acclamation Deaconess Thompson was elected President and Deaconess Bradley, Secretary-Treasurer.

Because of the poor attendance at the Chapter meetings, it was voted to send a questionnaire to the members in order to find out the best day for the Chapter gatherings.

The Chapter was invited to hold the January meeting at St. George's Deaconess House.

It was recommended to the officers that the hours of devotion be continued, as they have proved of such great value.

The meeting adjourned, after a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

AGNES R. BRADLEY, Secretary.

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### NATIONAL COUNCIL, G. F. S. A.

DEACONESS WEST writes:

“Many deaconesses attended the Jubilee Council Meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society in America which was held at Boston, November 2nd-6th. Some were branch presidents, some parish workers in Boston. Deaconess Mary C. West is on the National Board of Directors, being Chairman for Older Members. The services were held at Trinity Church and opened with a united Corporate Communion of Woman's Auxiliary and Girls' Friendly Society, it being also the fiftieth anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in Massachusetts. On November 6th, the G. F. S. A.

Annual Corporate Communion was celebrated at eight o'clock. After breakfast two hundred and fifty delegates motored to St. Anne's, Lowell, to hold a service where the first American branch was formed in 1877 by Miss Elizabeth Edson, the daughter of the rector. A clergyman preached the sermon who had attended the organizing meeting and one of the twelve charter members assisted in carrying the banner of St. Anne's Branch. A festival service was held at Trinity Church, Boston, at 4 o'clock, when Bishop Murray was the preacher. The meetings of the Council were held at the Statler Hotel which also housed over five hundred delegates. Business meetings were held in the ball room, the only space large enough as the registration was twelve hundred and fifty. At the International Dinner, the address was made by Bishop Oldham, and the Rev. Francis J. Cotter of Wuchang and Deaconess Newbold made the addresses at a Missionary Luncheon. Bishop Slattery gave the Council a warm welcome to Massachusetts on several occasions and Bishop Babcock assisted at many services. The following were at the Council Meetings: Deaconesses Butts, Carroll, Gardner, Libbey, Newell, Pennock, Schodts, Semle, West."

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#### HUNTINGTON HOUSE

DEACONESS BEARD (1894), writes:

"For many years Grace Memorial House at 94 Fourth Avenue, New York, was a center for the children of the Day Nursery and their families. Last Spring it was decided to discontinue this work and use the houses, 94-96-98 Fourth Avenue as a house for young girls. On September 15th the house reopened under the name of Huntington House. Protestant girls under 30 years of age and earning less than \$30 a week are received. The house opened with a full quota of 37 girls and two houses of the size could have been filled. The house is run on the same lines as similar clubs for girls in the city.

"The proximity to Grace Church and the attractive character of the houses give a certain distinction to the work and those of us who knew and loved Dr. Huntington are glad that Dr. Bowie selected the name of Huntington House for the new undertaking."

Deaconess Beard encloses an attractive leaflet, which states what will be of interest to many of our readers, namely, that "Huntington House includes Grace Memorial House, given to Grace Parish in memory of Lucy Kimball Morton by Levi Parsons Morton, and the Neighborhood House, given by George S. Bowdoin."

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#### CHASE HOUSE

DEACONESS FULLER (1910), writes:

"Chase House has for the first time as many as seven deaconesses resident, Deaconess Edna Sargent having been added to the staff as family visitor. Deaconess L. M. Knepper from

Idaho is also visiting us for a time to make a study of the work of the deaconesses and of Church School methods. The chief development in the work at Chase House is in the Day Nursery, which is advancing along the line of Nursery School aims. The physical, mental and social development of the children is being more thoroughly made a matter of systematic observation and care, by physical examination, dietary, regulated rest, work, indoor and outdoor play for every child from nine months up. Parental education, which is a foremost aim of the true Nursery School is, as always in the case of working people, a great difficulty, but by having the parents to supper once a month, contacts are made to supplement home visits and the opportunity is used for a talk by doctor, dietitian or nurse. Another real problem is that fifty per cent of the families are transient, so that continuous work with them is impossible; however, it may be hoped that even the short time the children are with us is a definite gain to them and gives some higher standard to the parents. We are aiming in this, as in all Chase House work, to maintain social service standards that shall do credit to our Church. The rest of the activities, Library, Women's Clubs, Girls' Clubs, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, are all in flourishing condition.

"The Chicago Church Training School has made one step in advance by the return to the faculty of the Reverend F. C. Grant, S. T. D., the new Dean of the Western Theological Seminary, and he is now Director of Studies.

"The Deaconesses at Chase House occasionally meet in Chapter and such an event took place on Saturday, November 5th, when we received into the Chapter the newly-made Deaconess Edith Adams, graduate of the Philadelphia School. Deaconess Putnam was also with us, who is using her enforced absence from China in studying at the University of Chicago. The annual Retreat for Chase House and church workers was this year at St. Peter's Church, the rector being our conductor, who also insisted that we should be entirely the guests of the parish without any expense on our part for either hotel or meals. This is more generosity than we have ever before experienced and in every way it was a wonderful two and a half days. Nine were there from Chase House and were joined by Deaconess Patterson from Blue Island; one or two others had hoped to come but were prevented.

"Aimee Drake and Mabel Holgate come in sometimes to see us and we are hoping for a visit from Louise Hammond, who is in the city. We always welcome visitors and I hope, especially, that no St. Faith's graduate will ever pass by without a call at Chase House."

## RECENT BOOKS BY DEAN ROBBINS

Readers of the BULLETIN will be glad to know of certain books which have recently been put out by Dean Robbins, whose close association with the life of the School bespeaks the interest of all its students in anything from his pen.

One of these books is a collection of twenty-one "Cathedral Sermons" including several of current historic interest. Another, a book of Family Devotions, compiled by the Dean, is the first of a series of seven books of a devotional nature to be published by the Century Company.

That there should be such a series in contemplation is in itself significant.

The Dean says in his foreword that the collection is based upon the needs and practice of one family, namely, that of the Deanery. The first part of this book stresses daily family worship in its arrangement of Bible reading, hymn and prayer for each day of the month. The second part contains selections for special occasions throughout the year.

The sources of the selections are given in an index at the end of the volume, and are of much interest. The book reads like a series of beautiful meditations, in a sort of rhythm of familiar Bible passages, followed by the carefully chosen hymns and prayers.

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## PERSONALS

Deaconess Amy Thompson spent her vacation in Europe, motoring through England and Scotland. She visited many of the Cathedrals, and was in York just before the great celebration of the 1,300th anniversary of the founding of York Minster, and was much interested in the preparations for the visit of "the Lord Bishop of New York."

Miss Venetia Cox (1916) is in this country on account of the disturbed conditions in China. She is living this winter at Trinity Mission House, 211 Fulton Street, New York, helping the Sisters there and studying at Columbia. Miss Cox was stationed formerly at Hankow.

It is with much regret that we learn that Deaconess Augusta Kawczynski has been seriously out of health.

Miss Rylla E. Saunier (1913) writes from Lowthorpe School, Groton, Mass.:

"I have not as yet completed all of my thesis, which will entitle me to a diploma, but the School has been kind enough to overlook that formality, and has made me a very small part of their august faculty. But small as that is, nothing could make me happier, and I feel as though I had at last reached my goal.

"I am assistant instructor in the fine arts and various other things, as well as having charge of all the reference files and the

library and a darling little old-fashioned cottage and four lovely grown-up daughters, all within a month or two, which I think is doing quite well, don't you? Groton is a beautiful old town, full of romance and history, lovely old houses just like Christmas cards, and giant elms and maples, and the school, and everything and everybody about it are lovely, too.

"There is no Episcopal Church here (the one lack) but we have a row of seats reserved for us at the Groton School Chapel, and there is a church in Ayer, a neighboring town, where I have taken my membership. I am not able to do any definite church work, further than driving some of the girls over to services. I am recuperating from my past more strenuous life, so you see I am quite happy—could not imagine myself being more so."

Deaconess Gardner, having recently resigned after a long term of service at Grace Church, New York, has accepted a position at St. Paul's Church, Brookline, Mass. She writes of greatly enjoying her new work which is along general parochial lines, under the rectorship of the Rev. Wm. S. Clark.

Deaconess West (1909) was found pleasantly "At Home" recently in the new diocesan G. F. S. quarters in the general Y. W. C. A. building on Lexington Avenue. It would seem a wise step to affiliate the work of the G. F. S. with that of kindred organizations, whose activities focus at this important center.

Deaconess Mary T. Patterson (1895) has lately spent some time with her sister at Scarsdale, N. Y. Many readers of the BULLETIN will recall the Church Year Chart, published by Deaconess Patterson some years ago, which was of great help in Sunday School work.

It is with regret that we hear that Deaconess Hart (1906) has been under doctor's care in Washington. She writes, however, that this is not permanent, but that she hopes to be, by the first of the year, "on a more stable basis."

A memorial window to Deaconess Hildegarde von Brockdorff was recently dedicated in St. James' Church, New York. Deaconess von Brockdorff was closely associated with the early days of the Deaconess movement in New York, giving valuable service on the lower East Side before going to St. James'. No one who ever knew her will forget the charm and strength of her unusual personality.

Deaconess Hemphill (1914) enjoyed vacation days abroad this summer. She spent most of the time in Switzerland, traveling with her sister and niece.

Contributors to the Alumnae Association Scholarship Fund should not fail to note the timely tribute paid to their helpfulness and interest which appears in the 1927 Year Book of the School. The holders of the Alumnae Scholarship are there listed, thus members may feel a special interest in these students and their

work, having contributed in some measure toward their training.

Miss Cornelia F. Nelson (1927), a recent holder of the Alumnae scholarship, writes as follows, from Brent House, Buffalo, N. Y.: "I am truly grateful for the scholarship that was given me and now I feel that I can do some of the things that I have always wanted to do, namely, help other girls to live a wholesome, Christian life. So it was with much pleasure that I accepted a call to Buffalo.

"Brent House is a Christian home for girls, conducted on Christian principles, and it is inspiring to watch the development of the girls as we live together as one family. It is my aim to help these girls to seek the higher things of life, that they may learn to know Jesus Christ as their Friend and Saviour."

Deaconess Anna G. Newell (1910) has accepted a call to Berkeley, California, as head of the Training School there.

Edna Eastwood (1922) has taken a position as Director of Religious Education in the Diocese of Long Island.

Clarice Wheeler (1924) sailed in October for the Philippines.

Deaconess Margaret Bechtol (1925) who began work in Dayton, Ohio, last summer, has had an operation for appendicitis, and was later knocked down by an automobile, but writes of her hope to resume full-time work in the near future.

Deaconess Eleanor Smith (1926), who last year was at St. Mark's Church, New Britain, Conn., is to begin work at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, Texas, on January first.

Of the Class of 1927, one member, Elizabeth Dickson, has gone to St. Agnes School, Kyoto; two who gave their second summer under the School to mission stations in Virginia have taken permanent work there—Virginia Cary and Eleanore Nevin; Cecelia Nelson, who was last summer at McLean Farm, the New York Summer Home under the Church Mission of Help, is in charge of the C. M. H. house in Buffalo; Dorothy Dowding, Deaconess, is on the Staff of the School; Lucy Gray is working in St. Luke's parish, Scranton; and Helen McElvain in her own parish, Ft. Scott, Kansas.

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## MARRIAGES

Nancy Ambler (1924) who, since her graduation, has been on the staff of Grace Chapel, was married in Grace Chapel on October 8th to Matthew Wooster.

Marion Thompson (1925), in charge of Girls' Friendly work in associated missions near Boston, was married on September 8th, to William Henry Haynes.

Dorothy Malphas Williams (1927) was married at her home in Edgewood, R. I., on October 1 to Charles Leonard Gledhill, formerly of Providence.

## BIRTH

Virginia Byrd Turpin (1924) (Mrs. I. W. Carr) has a daughter, Virginia Byrd, born September 2nd.

## RETIRING FUND FOR DEACONESSES

A Retiring Fund for Deaconesses has at last been incorporated, through the efforts of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Deaconesses and the invaluable assistance of Mr. R. B. Elliott. The Committee will no doubt make definite announcements and suggestions in the near future.

## OUR TREASURER RESIGNS

Miss Lillian L. Munson (1912) our faithful Treasurer, has sent in her resignation. Saddened by the recent death of her mother, Miss Munson does not feel that she can continue her duties in the Association.

Readers of the BULLETIN will be anxious to extend to her their sympathy in her bereavement, and to assure her of their appreciation of the efficient service she has rendered during the past three years.

## FLOODS IN NEW ENGLAND

Those who heard Bishop Booth last year at the Deaconess Retreat and Bishop Hall, in September last, will doubtless read with special sympathy of the disaster which has recently overtaken Vermont and other parts of New England.

The Red Cross, the Vermont Society and other organizations have sprung to the rescue, but the situation in many parts of Vermont is desperate, and the diocese must suffer in proportion.

Vermont is brave and running true to form, but the conditions are such as to try the stoutest hearts. The Secretary of Commerce classes the flood as a "major catastrophe", and his lowest estimate of property loss is twenty millions.

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The BULLETIN chronicles with much regret the death, on July 15th, of Deaconess Ruth E. Hildreth of the Class of 1909.

Deaconess Hildreth had given faithful service at various posts, including St. James' and All Souls' Churches, in New York, St. John's, Stamford, and The Church of the Advocate in the Bronx, and for a brief time she served at St. Simeon's, in East Bronx.

About two years ago her health broke seriously, and from that time she made her home with her married sister in Staten Island.

The funeral service was held at St. Bartholomew's Chapel, the Rev. Dr. Clifton Macon, officiating.

Dr. Macon, a faithful friend of Deaconess Hildreth, writes concerning her: "She worked with wonderful loyalty, and devotion and conspicuous success."

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