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COMMENCEMENT AT ST. FAITHS

MAY 15, 1931

It is always a day of brightness and joy when St. Faiths, its students, graduates, deaconesses, friends and clergy assemble at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for Commencement. It is always held in St. Ansgarius Chapel, that given in memorial of our first beloved Warden, Dr. Huntington.

This year the beauty and Dignity were increased by the setting apart as deaconess of one of the members of the graduating class, Anne Ursula Tucker, of Danville, Southern Virginia, that State which has so added to the glory of the Church.

Two addresses were ably made, one by the Right Reverend William T. Manning, D. D., D. C. L., L. S. D., Bishop of New York, and the other by the Right Reverend Arthur Conover Thomson, D. D. Bishop of Southern Virginia. Bishop Thomson also set apart to her office Anne Ursula Tucker, and under him she will work.

We want you all to share in the service and so we give the hymns—Pro. "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" "Breathe on me, Breath of God," and "Jerusalem! High Tower". The offering was for the Retiring Fund for Deaconesses.

The other degrees and awards were given to:

SENIORS

NANCY G. CHAMBERLAIN, Scranton, Pa. Summer work, Austin Priory, Washington, R. I. Permanent work, Dante, Va.

GERTRUDE GINEVRA HARRIS, Boston, Mass. Permanent work, Zion Church, Rome, N. Y.

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CATHERINE ANNE ROBINSON, Warren Pa. Summer work, Diocese of Erie.

ENID L. VROOMAN, Auburn, N. Y. Permanent work, Missionary District of Nevada.

JUNIORS

SUMMER WORK, ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, NEW YORK

EDITH A. BOOTH, Everett, Mass.

(MRS.) LILLIAN WARNER CROW, Dallas, Texas.

KATHARINE CHARLOTTE JONES, Hartford, Conn.

IRENE LOUISE KAUFMANN, Savannah, Ga.

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KATE SINTON MAYER, Richmond, Va.

FLORENCE ISABEL ORMEROD, St. Louis, Mo.

KATHARINE HOPE PARKER, Red Bank, N. J.

ELSE PETERSEN, Atlantic City, N. J.

MARTHA C. PRAY, Amherst, Mass.

LYDIA ANN RAMSAY, New York, N. Y.

ELEANOR SNYDER, Newton, Mass.

DOROTHY THOMPSON, Cleveland, Ohio.

WINIFRED O. MOORE, Muskegon, Mich. Summer work, Columbia University, New York.

SPECIAL

MRS. HELEN SKERRITT, Scranton, Pa.

NON RESIDENT JUNIOR

KATHERINE JEANNETTE BOGERT, Saddle River, N. J.

SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

DEACONESS HARRIET HOLT ENGLISH, Trinity Church, Torrington, Conn. Under appointment to the Virgin Islands.

DEACONESS MARGARET ELLIOTT HAYES, Church of St. Matthew, San Mateo, Calif.

MARGARET ELLEN FORNEY, St. Helen's Hall, Portland, Ore.

ARLINE FRANCES HERTING, Family Welfare Society, Elizabeth, N. J. under appointment to the Philippine Islands.

(MRS.) FREDA MELVILLE, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Conn.

The next step, after greeting our many friends on the lawn, was the luncheon, partaken of with the usual clamorous joy, then the executive meeting for the chosen few, and then the Alumnae meeting of which the secretary will now tell.

REPORT OF THE ALUMNAE MEETING

The fifty-third regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the New York Training School for Deaconesses was held at St. Faith's House on Commencement Day, May 15th, 1931, at 2:15 P. M. with forty-five members present. The meeting was opened with prayers by the Warden, the Reverend Mr. Brown-Serman, following which he was asked by the President to address the meeting.

Mr. Brown-Serman spoke, in his interesting way, about the work of the School, prefacing his remarks with the statement that the School is here to promote in the Church women's work in the Church. He recalled the recent accounts of women who are taking part in the thought of the Church of England pointing out the fact that in a number of recent conferences called to discuss social problems and problems of relation of Church to State, a considerable proportion of the speakers were women; that their work is done with extreme ableness and they are listened to by all. Mr. Brown-Serman felt that in our own Church, while ability and achievement are noticeable in our women's work, still we are somewhat behind the Church of England in that respect. It is his hope that our School, while always faithful to its main purpose of training women for Deaconesses, may be recognized in the days to come as a center of women's work.

The Warden referred to the widespread financial depression which has probably been felt nowhere with greater severity than by educational institutions of all sorts. The suggested remedy for St. Faith's is that the School be filled to the maximum with exceptional young women. This can be achieved only through advertising and such advertising can be accomplished with greatest success through the Alumnae themselves who should be on the lookout constantly for the very best possible women to be sent to St. Faith's to be trained for the work of the Church.

Special tribute was paid by Mr. Brown-Serman to the devotion of the Faculty which he characterized as an exceptional one for so small an institution. Regret was expressed at the loss of Dr. Hodgson of the General Theological Seminary from the faculty as he is leaving shortly for England to take up his new duties at Winchester Cathedral.

In concluding his remarks, the Warden attributed the marked evidence of spirit and efficiency in the School to the wise leadership of the two Deaconesses-in-Charge.

Following this address, the regular business of the meeting proceeded, the President calling for the Minutes of the last meeting which were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and ordered on file. This report covered the period January 1, 1931 to May 15, 1931, and showed the following balances on hand at this time: General Fund \$183.45; Scholarship Fund \$499.94.

The Treasurer pointed out the fact that although there are 157 members in the Alumnae Association, only 46 have contributed to this year's Scholarship Fund which is now so nearly complete, and expressed the hope that more contributions would be received so that there might be a balance with which to start next year's Fund as there was at the beginning of 1931. The President spoke warmly in favor of continued effort through the remainder of the year in the matter of securing additional contributions for the Scholarship Fund.

Deaconess Phelps reported that the Retiring Fund for Deaconesses was progressing slowly, the Fund now amounting to between \$29,000 and \$30,000. She has been speaking about it at Diocesan Conventions and in other places where opportunity offered, some advertising is being done and a considerable amount of literature distributed.

The President appointed Deaconesses Dahlgren and Miss Lucille Moore to succeed Deaconess Gillespy and Deaconess Mills on the Membership Committee.

The graduates of 1931 were present at the meeting and at the President's invitation, introduced themselves and told something about the work they are expecting to do.

The President announced that she would be responsible for the editing of the Bulletin this year if someone would volunteer to take charge of the addresses which are to appear in the November issue. Deaconess Boyd offered to assume the responsibility for the list of names and addresses. Those present were asked to give or send to the President news items for the next issue of the Bulletin.

In the matter of the fund for the permanent care of Ellie's grave, Deaconess Dahlgre reported that a little more has come in, leaving about \$36,00 to be raised. As previously decided, no further general appeal will be made.

The President then introduced as a special speaker, Deaconess Grant, an Alumnae of the Philadelphia School, who told us many delightful reminiscences from the long acquaintance with Miss Sara Chung in Honolulu dating back to the year 1902, when Miss Van Deerlin brought this Chinese girl to the Mission to help with the Chinese children in the sewing school. Deaconess Grant spoke in highest terms of Miss Chung both as a worker and as a personality, saying that she was a blessing to everyone who came in contact with her.

Returning to the business end of the meeting, announcement was made that the offering for the Retiring Fund received at the Commencement Day Service in St. Ansgarius Chapel amounted to \$72.70, and also of a telephone message from Bishop Manning stating that he had just received \$100.00 for his discretionary fund and was sending it to St. Faith's for the Retiring Fund for Deaconesses.

The President advised that the fall meeting of the Association will be held on September 29th, the opening day of the Deaconess Retreat and it is hoped, with the Bishop's permission, to hold it in the undercroft of Synod Hall.

There being no further business, on motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1931 to May 15, 1931

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1931.....	\$ 38.90	
Dues received to date	166.50	
		\$205.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing Scholarship Appeal	\$ 6.00	
Printing and Billheads	5.50	
Postage and Stamped Envelopes	9.00	
Rubber Pad and Stamp	1.45	
		21.95

Balance on hand, General Fund, May 15, 1931.....\$183.45

SCHOLARSHIP FUND—RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1931.....	\$107.35	
Donations received	388.00	
Interest from Bank	4.59	
		\$392.59

\$499.94

NO DISBURSEMENTS

General Fund	\$183.45
Scholarship Fund	499.94

Total on Hand\$683.39

There are 157 members enrolled in the Alumnae Association. By May 15th, 113 have paid dues to date—for 1931.

Only 46 members of the 157 have contributed to the Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH C. CHAPPELL,
Treasurer.

DEACONESS KNAPP

A letter from Deaconess Knapp was received on Graduation day at St. Faith's, unfortunately, just too late to be read to the Alumnae Association. She writes: "Although my work here is most interesting there is a piece of my heart still in the school and am glad to hear of its prosperity. My love to all my friends there." Ella A. Pier, 1911.

REPORT OF JANUARY ALUMNAE MEETING

The fifty-second regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the New York Training School for Deaconesses was held at St. Faith's House on Saturday, January 31st, at 2:30 P. M. with the following members present: Deaconess Woodward, presiding, and Deaconesses Armstrong, Boyd, Dahlgren, Dowding, Gillespy, Mills, Nicholas, Phelps, Shepard, and Thompson, and the Misses Griswold, Herting, Hillman, Holmes, Mockridge, Moore, Ranger, Scott and Anderson. Also the following students, now in training: Seniors: the Misses Albright, Chamberlain, Harris, Robinson, Tucker and Vrooman. Juniors: the Misses Bogert, Freeman, Jones, Matz, Mayer, Moore, Omerod, Petersen, Pray and Ramsay, and Mrs. Crow.

The Meeting was opened by the President with prayers. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. In the absence of the Treasurer, Miss Chappel, the Treasurer's Report was read by Deaconess Dowding. This report was in the nature of a summary of three reports covering the period September 24th, 1929 to January 1st, 1931. The total amount in the Bank as of January 1st, 1931, was \$146.25. \$38.90 of this amount belonging to the General Fund and \$107.35 to the Scholarship Fund. A memorandum from Miss Chappell advised that Mrs. Russell D. Lewis had pledged \$100.00 toward the 1931 Scholarship Fund. The Treasurer's Report was duly approved.

Deaconess Dahlgren reported on the matter of the fund for perpetual care of Ellie's grave, stating that \$76.30 has been received towards the amount of 125.00 needed for this purpose. It was decided, at Deaconess Dahlgren's suggestion, that no further special appeal be made to the Alumnae for the remaining balance of \$48.00 beyond a notice in the Bulletin. Until the full sum is raised, \$3.00 a year is being paid for the care of the grave. This has been done by special contribution during the past two years.

The President called on Deaconess Phelps for a brief report on the Retiring Fund for Deaconesses. Deaconess Phelps stated that this was not a propitious time for starting a drive and that to date she had not been able to raise much money but had spent most of the time writing letters and trying to get things started. As there were ten Diocesan Conventions meeting at this time, at the end of January and the beginning of February, it was a part of the

plan to obtain at each of them five to ten minutes for the presentation of the appeal and the distribution of literature and this was being handled in several places by the local Deaconesses.

The matter of the Scholarship Fund was next taken up. After some discussion of the most feasible way of handling this in order to have the full amount raised by October, it was decided that a personal appeal be sent out to each member of the Alumnae Association as soon as possible, so worded that those who had already made their contribution would not feel that they were expected to give again at this time. The Secretary was requested to draw up a form of appeal and forward same to the Treasurer. It was also decided that in future the notices sent out by the Treasurer should call attention to the Scholarship Fund in addition to the annual dues.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Deaconess Gillespy, on behalf of the Membership Committee proposed two names of persons, not graduates, for membership in the Alumnae Association. Miss Ethel Ann Leake (1923-1924) who completed the first year's work and her hospital course. Miss Leake is now living in San Diego but has kept in touch with the School more or less since her year here. Miss Janet Ashley (1928-1930), a non resident student who completed the two years' work with the exception of the practical work. These names were approved for membership in the Association.

The President spoke of the honor of having Deaconess Shepard of the Class of 1911 present at the Meeting, and also Deaconess Boyd of the Class of 1900. Pleasure was also expressed at having two members come to the meeting from a considerable distance—Miss Elizabeth Mockridge (1922) from Philadelphia, and Miss Sophie Hillman (1928) from South Amboy, N. J. Letters had also been received from several members expressing their regret in not being able to attend the Meeting due to illness or to some other reason.

The President also referred to the death of her classmate, Miss Sara Chung (1907) who was instantly killed by an automobile in Honolulu where she had been doing such wonderful work. Deaconess Woodward paid special tribute to Miss Chung as she recalled her life in the School as an exceptional student and a delightful personality.

At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, the President presented the Junior Class as a body to the Members of the Association and invited them to make themselves known as to name, place from which they came and tell something of what brought them to St. Faith's and what they hope to do upon completion of the work. Eleven of the twelve members (one of the

Juniors being detained at her home by her mother's illness) gave this information in a most interesting way.

This was followed by a very delightful address by Miss Olga Troskin, a Church School Teacher in St. James Parish, Fordham, and a communicant of the Russian Orthodox Church in New York. Miss Troskin spoke on the history and customs of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Returning to the matter of business, Deaconess Woodward announced that dues could be paid, in Miss Chappell's absence, to Deaconess Dowding, who would also receive contributions for the Scholarship Fund. The Members were asked to keep in mind the Alumnae Bulletin and send in items regarding the Alumnae and other matters of general interest.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was duly made and seconded, and all enjoyed a most delightful tea with the Deaconesses-in-Charge.

EVELYN ANDERSON,

Secretary.

NEW YORK CHAPTER OF DEACONESSES

The New York Chapter held its spring meeting on Saturday, April at 2:30 P. M. Those of us who enjoy variety felt it a particular pleasure to assemble at 281 Fourth Ave as the guests of Deaconess Edwards. The meeting began with a helpful Quiet Hour in the Chapel, conducted by the Rev. John Suter of the Board of Religious Education, and later adjourned to a delightful room for the business meeting and tea.

RETIRING FUND FOR DEACONESSES

We are not asking Deaconess Phelps for a report because she is too modest. Worse than modest, those who knew her in China feel. But those who know what she has done this winter, and I am quoting Deaconess Dahlgren, feel that she has accomplished through her untiring zeal, a tremendous amount for the Fund. Not only has she brought in \$5,000, but she has laid the foundation in many parts of a real understanding of the need which the Church must meet. We all appreciate her.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLASS OF 1906

On May 18th, 1906, Grace Church, New York City, its Altar gleaming with dogwood, its great nave filled with worshippers, was the witness of the largest class of deaconesses which has ever been graduated from St. Faith's. Trained by Dean Knapp, presented the Warden, the Rev. Dr. William Reed Huntington, set apart by the Rt. Rev. Frederick Courtney, acting for the Rt. Rev. David H. Greer, Bishop of New York, eight women began that morning their joyous duties as deaconesses in the Church of Christ and entered at once upon their work.

Elizabeth Boorman, Bertha Effingham Lawrence, and Charlotte Martin, to the mountains of Virginia. Mary Trapier Gasden to the Children's Home in York, South Carolina.

Katrina Livingston Patterson to Home Missionary Work in the West.

Evelyn Wile to Honolulu, Julia Maude Stephenson and Clarine V. B. Woodward to parish work in the Bronx. A few days later the ninth member of the class, and the greatest, we have always felt, Edith Hart, was set apart in Washington and went to Hankow, China. where her whole deaconess life was spent. Helen Chase Fessenden and Margaret Proffe were also graduated. Helen joining the workers in the Bronx for a year. She then married and as Mrs. Arthur Smith of Honolulu has welcomed many a missionary as she passed to and from the Orient. Margaret Proffe has given most of her working years to Virginia.

Our working days are drawing to a close, Edith Hart and Evelyn Wile have entered into the joy of Paradise, Bertha Lawrence and Charlotte Martin have married and brought happy little families into Christ's Church on Earth. Julia Stephenson, after some years of hard work at St. Mary's, Mott Haven, became the head of St. Margarets Home for children at Red Hook, N. Y. mothering them for over twenty years and is now living close to one of them in Cohoes, N. Y. Katrina Patterson is retired and living in Scarsdale, N. Y., but doing vigorous volunteer work from her own home. Mary Gadsden has retired, for the present at least, but is also a busy worker in the south. Elizabeth Boorman says frankly that she never wants to stop. Your president considers she is the happiest of all because while she is partially retired she is still in her beloved parish of St. James, Fordham, surrounded by her parish grand children and with the same rector as welcomed her twenty five years ago. She leads a joyful life in her little apartment on the Church lawn and as she sits here writing under the trees asks you if 1906 is not really a glorious class?—C. V. B. W.

LETTERS FROM GRADUATES

THE GRADUATE AS SECRETARY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I have been asked to write about my work in Ohio. It isn't really work to be executive secretary for religious education in the Diocese of Ohio. Associating and planning with people, has been a post graduate course, organization and administration is like a big exciting game and everything I do seems to be very much fun.

Ohio is divided exactly in half into two Dioceses. Southern Ohio, because of its nearness to Kentucky reflects the South, but the Diocese of Ohio, because of its proximity to Lake Erie, whose cold winds put energy into people, and whose boats bring iron ore and coal from Michigan, is, for the most part, industrial. Every city or town has its major interest, steel mills, rubber factories, shipyards, potteries, sand-stone quarries, and so on.

All of this is important to know and understand because there are 100 Church Schools throughout the Diocese, with some ten thousand children and about 1,200 teachers in them, in these industrial cities and towns.

Anyone who visits a school each week end, and sometimes during the week, as I do, to talk with the clergyman, to train the teachers and to meet the children, soon learns that the only real way to help them come closer to God, is to try to know their backgrounds and capacities. It is only when one understands their lives and needs, that it is possible to attempt to find with them their best approach to God and a Christ-like life. So that each visit is a new problem, each parish an individual one, with very little generalizing.

Our Diocesan Department of Religious Education has reached out to include some sixty people who work on Commissions. These Commissions are—Pre-School Life, Church School Life and Organization, Life Service, Young Peoples (including College Student work), Church School Service Program, Teacher Training and Adult Education. Even the Bishop helps by giving Epiphany Lectures as part of the Adult Education Program. It becomes the duty of the secretary to make herself not only a liason officer, to keep this organization smooth and happy, but a sharer in all the research and enterprizes because she is the person who knows the diocesan field.

Then some days are just office days. There are always many requests for advice or materials, or there are courses to work out, perhaps reports to compile. We have just come through our annual diocesan convention week. One of its happiest moments was when we discovered that there are some one thousand new children who have come into the Church Schools in the last year.

A diocesan secretary needs contacts with the outside—through

the Federated Churches, the Provincial Departments and the National Church. All of these bring their obligations and often tasks, with little time for them. But they are very important to me because through them I find new ideas and inspiration and sometimes a valuable perspective of my own work.

And so I find myself in my fifth year in Ohio, years whose round of visits, conferences, personal work, conventions, summer conferences and what not, has made them literally fly until I can scarcely realize that I am writing this article as one of those who has been out long enough to have, perhaps, some bit of experience to share with those who are anticipating all of this. And as I try to remember myself back to my St. Faith's days and my anticipation of my work, the only comment I would make is that this is infinitely more satisfying and more fun than I ever expected.

VIRGINIA ZIMMERMAN.

THE DEACONESS AS NURSE

Perhaps one wonders why a Deaconess would go back to nursing, but we often wish there were more Deaconesses, who were Registered Nurses, for there is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual work in the medical field. Here at Episcopal Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital we try to carry on the work of Our Blessed Lord by administering to both the body and the soul. Every morning we begin our day with prayers in the Chapel of the Intercession, led by one of the Deaconesses. In Sundays and chief Holy Days, we have a Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion at seven o'clock. The Rev. Calvert E. Buck, Superintendent of the Hospital, is the Celebrant at these services. After the service the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the patients, who wish to make their communions. During the winter, Father Buck has a course of instruction for those desiring confirmation, and any others who wish to attend. The nurses are confirmed at the Cathedral in the spring, in their uniforms. Last December the Deaconesses and nurses gave a Pageant for the Diocesan Board of Religious Education. So you see we have our own parish life right here in the Hospital. The Superintendent of Nurses is Deaconess Anna E. MacDonald, a graduate of John's Hopkins Hospital, and the House Mother of the Nurses Home is Deaconess G. Edwardina Crane, one of our own St. Faith Alumnae. Just a few words about the Dispensary, of which I am Supervisor. Because of our special type of work, we have more patients than any other Hospital in Washington. We are always crowded, and if we keep on growing at our present rate, we will have to have a larger place. I could write forever about our patients and how interesting our work is. One cannot help but believe in miracles, when they see the deaf made to hear, and the blind to see.

AGNES R. BRADLEY,

Deaconess.

THE GRADUATE DIRECTS FOR THE ISOLATED

Over twelve thousand people who were isolated from Church privileges by distance or illness, in both city and country districts, are now being kept in close touch with the Church by mail and by special services whenever possible. Many have been prepared by mail for Baptism and Confirmation, and new leadership and strength are being discovered in this hitherto much neglected field of work. With few exceptions, the dioceses are including the work as a definite part of their programs and have appointed supervisors. Their programs vary according to their problems, facilities and leadership. The following are some of the phases of the work which have proved most helpful:—

CORRESPONDENCE CHURCH SCHOOLS

Almost four thousand boys and girls are receiving regular weekly Church School lessons by mail to guide them into experiences of Christian living. They are encouraged by letters to share their problems with their teachers, and opportunities for expression in Christian service to others are suggested. Several dioceses have remapped their territory to eliminate neglected areas and given every parish and mission a definite area of responsibility, so that these boys and girls and their families may have a closer contact with Church life and fellowship with other members.

EXTENSION LIBRARY

A special library of over four hundred books has been provided. The books are sent with postage paid both ways by the National Council, and a loan limit of a month and renewal limit of another month are granted. This makes the library available for everyone who is isolated wherever they may live. Mimeographed lists of the books are distributed by the leaders to the people on their diocesan or parish lists to enable them to make their own choices. The books for boys and girls of all ages are listed separately, so that they, too, may choose the special books they desire.

ADULT EDUCATION BY MAIL

The national Extension Library makes possible the loan of source books for home study courses. These guided reading courses are created by selected instructors and may be obtained through the national department on request. They are being increasingly and continuously used by isolated people who wish to prepare themselves for leading others by deepening their own religious life and learning how to meet the problems of their homes and communities.

Other ways in which they are gaining Church knowledge are through The Daily Bible Readings, The Church at Work, and other periodicals, and through letters. Opportunities for fellowship and serving are provided through the nearest parish and its groups whenever possible.

PUBLICITY

To interest the Church groups in reaching out to isolated people the Secretary for Home Study has traveled almost continuously and helped by correspondence those who were not reached in person. During the last year a Home Study Committee of four members has been appointed, a handbook for leaders printed, and a lantern slide lecture on the work prepared. The handbook contains a list of available material and library loan packets for groups of leaders wishing to undertake a study of this work.

EDNA EASTWOOD.

THE MINISTRY OF BOOKS

The books from the Extension Library could tell some wonderful stories if they could only talk when they come wandering back to the Church Missions House bookshelves from all parts of the country. But the letters which follow them do talk, and when they are visited the people talk too, and the main theme of their conversation is gratitude for what the books have meant in giving peace, comfort, or a vision of new life to those who have read them.

With the postage paid both ways by the National Council, is a ministry which is freely given to all those who are isolated by distance or illness, wherever they are in cities or in country districts.

These are just a few of their stories. It would take too long a space to tell them all, and it is hard to express in words what they have meant to some people who have read them.

In New York a woman used them to bring hope and comfort to an invalid husband. In New Jersey they helped a Grandmother to share religious education with her grandchild. In Pennsylvania they went to a man in prison to help him to plan for better things in the future. In West Virginia they helped a leader to plan her work. In Virginia they brought adventure and vision to some young Christians and helped their mother to organize a Woman's Auxiliary group. In Delaware they went into some institutions to bring peace and new thoughts to overcome monotony in the days and bring contentment. In North Carolina they helped an isolated woman to study about India with the other women in groups all over the country. In Florida they helped a mother to teach her children. In Alabama they helped a leader to teach a Bible Class. In Tennessee they were used daily by the family worship for stories for the children.

You can see what a variety of ministry they give as we just traveled into one State after another consecutively. They are doing the same thing for people all over the country.

In Oregon they trained prospective teachers to organize Church Schools, and to teach in the Correspondence Church School. In California they helped a war veteran and his wife to face the coming of his death and release into the new life together. In Montana they helped a woman to prepare for membership in the Bishop's Chapter of the Daughters of the King. In Arizona they helped a man and his wife to deepen their prayer life and have a daily home service. They have helped to prepare many people for Baptism and Confirmation. They helped one couple to prepare for marriage by giving them a unity in their religious life. They helped a boy to stop drinking. They have brought peace and comfort to the dying and helped to strengthen many people to live Christian lives in hard places, and through hard experiences.

The lists of these books will be sent free to any who request them. If you want one yourself, or have a friend to whom you would like to send one, send your request to the Secretary for Home Study, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, and a list will be sent to the address given.

PRISCILLA GRISWOLD

ST. FAITH'S ALUMNAE NOTES

FAR EAST

Collected by SALLIE WOODWARD MCRAE

Althea Bremer is back at work in Yangchow after an enforced absence in Shanghia on account of political troubles. During this time she taught at St. Mary's Hall and is now doing day school and evangelistic work in Yangchow.

Louise Hammond was in Honolulu with her mother last summer. After she came back to China in September she was very sick and in the hospital for several months. She is now back in Nanking, working on a new Chinese hymnal.

Deaconess Maude Henderson is still carrying on her splendid work among Chinese children at St. Faith's Settlement, Shanghai. She had a very serious illness last year but made a wonderful recovery and is as tireless and devoted as ever.

Gertrude Heywood is at St. Margaret's School, Tokyo, and will be home on furlough this summer.

Deaconess Knapp is in Japan at present, but expects to go to America this summer for an operation on her eyes, returning to Japan in the Fall. She has her own home in Tokyo and devoted Japanese servants. Our thoughts and prayers will be with her.

Deaconess Charlotte Massey is carrying on her work in the Philippines.

Marion Mitchell is back at her work teaching music at St. Mary's, Shanghai. It is hard to imagine St. Mary's without her.

Katherine Putnam has made herself quite indispensable in evangelistic work in the Shanghai diocese. She lives in the Sinza compound and does a good deal of work for St. Elizabeth's Hospital but is ready to do any odd job that the Bishop or anyone else asks her to.

The writer of these notes had the great pleasure of seeing Deaconess Margaret Routledge on her way to and from America last year. She seemed badly in need of a furlough when she left for the Philippines last June but looked very much better, almost fat, when she returned in January.

Anne Piper, Mrs. Hollis Smith, is very busy in Zangzok taking care of her two children and helping her husband in his evangelistic work. They are the only foreign members of our Mission in Zangzok and must feel lonely at times.

Laura Wells, who is head nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and in charge of the Nurses' Training School, has not been very well for the last six months but is able to do half-time work at present.

ADDITIONS

The Editor would like to add that two of Sallie Woodward McRae's children have graduated with honor this June, Elizabeth Woodward McRae from Sweet Briar, Virginia, and Cameron Farguhar McRae from the University of North Carolina. Cameron has also been admitted into the Medical School. Those who remember the famous medical course given at St. Faith's twenty-seven years ago by Drs. Welton and Woodward will feel that bread cast upon the waters is returning after many days.

The Editor met at Sweet Briar last March Mrs. Anne Rebecca Torrance Standring and listened to a stirring address on present work in China which she delivered before the undergraduate body. Mary Standring, her only daughter, is in America at college.

Deaconess Phelps, still really part of China, expects to spend July and August with her sister, Louise Phelps Apthorpe, at Sunapee, New Hampshire, attending first a number of the summer conferences.

Eveline Diggs, 1915, of Sagada, is returning this summer, on furlough, from her work in the Philippines.

Elizabeth Dickson, 1927, has been at St. Agnes, Kyoto, in charge of the music and in September returns to Japan, this time to Nara, to do evangelistic work and to supervise in music.

ENGLAND

Deaconess Kneeves and Deaconess Crump, both of 1907, are living happily in England and write:

4, Bloomsbury Place,
Marine Parade,
Brighton, Sussex.

Dear Deaconess Clarine:

As you will see we have changed our abode since writing you last summer. We came to Brighton the end of August, and hope we are settled for at least a year.

Thank you so much for sending us the Bulletin, and may we congratulate you on your election to the Presidency, or, rather, we should congratulate the Alumnae on their choice.

We were terribly sorry to hear of little Sara Chung's tragic death. I have written to poor Hilda. She will be terribly lonely without her companion of so many years.

We are planning to spend next Christmas in Ossining, if all goes well, so I do not think we shall travel far this summer.

With love and all good wishes from us both,

Affectionately yours,

MARY L. KNEEVES.

January 14th, 1931.

EUROPE

Our European summer travelers include Miss Margery Ranger, 1916, Deaconess Charlotte Boyd, 1900, who with her mother, expects to motor in the British Isles, and Deaconess Amy Thompson, 1914, who in a very spirited manner, is to take a motor trip in Italy.

WEST INDIES

Deaconess Lyon, 1898, has valiantly responded to a call of need in Porto Rico and has returned temporarily at St. Catherine's School.

Deaconess Hilda Dieterly, 1922, was obliged to give up her work in Porto Rico and is with her family in Zanesville, Ohio.

Deaconess Harriet English, 1930, goes in August to work at St. Thomas, the Virgin Islands.

Olivia Gazzam, 1921., who last summer married Mr. Fred Morrish, is working in the Church at West Palm Beach.

NEARER HOME

Deaconess Howell, 1909, is temporarily at St. Peter's, Germantown.

Miss Ella Pier, 1911, was at Commencement. She has been spending a year of rest at St. Faith's.

Miss Evelyn Anderson, our invaluable secretary, has gone to her home in Salinas, California, hoping to get well built up for her New York work next fall.

MARRIAGES

Miss Elizabeth Beecher, 1923, was married on April 21, by her father, the Bishop of Western Nebraska, to the Rev. Fred. Albertus McNeile. They are both working for the National Council.

Miss Elizabeth Pettit, 1930, who has been working at the Church Missions House for the Rev. Mr. Suter, was married last March.