

A L U M N A E B U L L E T I N

June 1959

THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE
NEW YORK TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DEACONESSES
1047 Amsterdam Avenue New York 25, New York

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Deaconess Kate S. Mayer

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Deaconess Lydia Ramsay

Deaconess Evelyn E. Seymour

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Alumnae:

I wish all of you could have attended our meeting and have heard Deaconesses Booth and Brereton tell us about Central House. They gave us a very vivid picture of the House, its location, the girls now in training, and their hopes and dreams for it. I hope that each of us will do her part to make those dreams reality.

We enjoyed Mrs. Hand's gracious hospitality and were so happy that she was able to attend the meeting. We missed several of our most faithful members but were so happy to have messages from them -- our vice president - Marion Holmes, Margery Ranger, and Dorothy Shelmire. It was wonderful to welcome several members who had not been with us for some time.

I want to thank all of the Alumnae who have contributed so generously to the Deaconess Massey Memorial Fund. It is very gratifying that we were able to make so nice a gift.

Dorothy Shelmire wrote in her letter reporting on the Board of Trustees meeting that there would be a plaque carved into the stone directly beneath the Tiffany Memorial Panel of St. Faith's House which will read: "This Building originally known as St. Faith's House was built for the New York Training School for Deaconesses and occupied by them from 1910-1948."

I hope that all of our Alumnae who are able to will attend our Corporate Communion and meeting on Saturday, November 7. We had a wonderful meeting last year and I hope that this one will prove to be just as inspiring.

Faithfully yours,
Maria P. Basile, President

ANNUAL MEETING - ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW YORK TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DEACONESSES

The May Meeting of the Alumnae Association of the New York Training School for Deaconesses was held at the home of Mrs. Augustus N. Hand, on Saturday afternoon, May 9, 1959, at 2 p.m. The following members were present:

1913 - Helen G. Flagg	1932 - Deaconess Lydia A. Ramsay
1915 - Marion Frascello Baxter	1936 - Maria Prentiss Basile
1918 - Marian Miller Bliss	1937 - Irene Warner Merkel
1919 - Ethel Bunce Bellsmith	1937 - Deaconess Mary M. Redd
1923 - Deaconess Agnes R. Bradley	1937 (Spec.) - Deaconess Ruth Johnson
1927 - Lucy Gray Botthof	1938 - Deaconess Amelia Brereton
1927 - Dorothy Williams Gledhill	1938 - Deaconess Evelyn E. Seymour
1931 - Catherine Robinson Kew	1940 - Thelma Erickson Newhouse
1932 - Deaconess Edith A. Booth	1947 - Harriette Coe McKee
1932 - Deaconess Kate S. Mayer	

We were happy that Mrs. Hand, our Honorary member, was able to join us.

The meeting opened with prayer by our president, Maria Basile.

The minutes of the last meeting, by vote of those present, were not read but accepted as printed.

The President gave her report.

Scholarship committee - no report.

A letter was read from Dorothy Shel mire, an alumna member of the Board of Trustees of the New York Training School for Deaconesses.

NEW BUSINESS: Under New Business the Fall Meeting was discussed. We will ask for a special 11 o'clock service of Holy Communion to be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, November 7, to be followed by brunch and a meeting in the Cathedral House. (See news item.)

The Scholarship Fund was discussed. The Secretary moved that the fund (as reported by the Treasurer) be increased from the General Funds to make a total of \$200. This was carried.

Dss. Seymour moved that we send \$100 to Dss. Booth for her discretionary fund. This was also carried.

The President thanked Dss. Seymour for her help in getting out the Bulletin last year and asked her to be the Editor this year. Dss. Seymour accepted.

The Nominating Committee reported 67 marked ballots had been returned. All voted for both the Secretary and Treasurer as named on the printed ballot. The Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for both, and they were declared elected. to serve for the next two years.

Miss Helen Flagg reported that she is now an author, having written a book, "POWER IN PRAYER" to be published next month (June), by the Exposition Press and to sell for \$2.50. She said she would be happy if we would inquire about it at our book stores.

Each member present introduced herself and told a little of her current activities.

The business meeting adjourned.

Deaconess Booth and Deaconess Brereton told us about Central House and expressed their gratefulness for the help we have been able to give them.

We enjoyed the usual lovely tea, this time with Mrs. Hand's friendly presence. We are happy she can, once more, be with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Merkel, Secretary

Changes of address for the Directory

- 1925 - Dss. Margaret Bechtol, 1 Scott Circle, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.
- 1932 - Dss. Edith A. Booth, 1906 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Illinois
- 1938 - Dss. Amelia Brereton, 1906 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Illinois
- 1946 - Dss. Celia E. Brown, Holy Trinity Day School, Melbourne, Florida
- 1928 - ~~Dss.~~ Edward D. Conley, 3 Grover St., Auburn, New York
- 1935 - Miss Lucy Fletcher, 419 Prince St., Alexandria, Virginia
- 1913 - Miss Margaret Howe, 1 Ferndale Ave., Toronto 7, Ontario, Canada
- 1942 - Miss Jessie M. Hunter, 9 Mohrs Block, Helena, Montana
- 1940 - Dss. Josephine Latch, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, R.D. 1
- 1919 - Miss Lucie Myer, 85 Bedford St., Apt. 3, New York 14, N.Y.
- 1907 - Dss. Bertha R. Radford, c/o Dr. Mumford Yates, Beckwith Home, Petersburg, Va.
- 1937 - Miss Mary B. Russell, Fort Benning, Georgia
- 1938 - Miss Dorothy Shel mire, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D.C.
- 1930 - Sister Julia Margaret, C.T. (Margaret Elliott Hayes)
Community of the Transfiguration, Glendale, Ohio
- 1931 - Dss. Anne U. Tucker, Gresham Court, 1030 W. Franklin St., Richmond 20, Va.
- 1916 - Miss Hallie R. Williams, Crozet, Virginia

And, we are sorry to say, remove the names of our deceased members as listed.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW YORK TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DEACONESSES

Report of the Treasurer
May 9, 1959

Balance on hand May 10, 1958		\$541.89
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RECEIPTS:

General Fund:		
Dues Paid	\$105.00	
Gifts	51.00	
Scholarship Fund	116.00	
Deaconess Massey Memorial Fund	314.10	
Interest from Savings Account	12.38	598.48
Grand Total		<u>\$1,140.37</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

To D. s. Booth, Discretionary Fund	\$200.00	
To D. s. Ashcroft from Dss. Massey Memorial Fund	150.00	
Bulletin and News Letter printing	21.96	
Printing and Mailing of notices	14.42	
Supplies and 1957 mailing	6.79	
Flowers to Mrs. Hand	10.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>403.17</u>

Balance on hand May 9, 1959		
In General Fund	\$457.10	
In Scholarship Fund	116.00	
In Dss. Massey Memorial Fund	164.10	<u>\$737.20</u>
Balance in Savings Account May 9, 1959		<u>\$737.20</u>

Lucy G. Botthof, Treasurer

Entered into the Life of Paradise during the past year:

1934 - Deaconess Heath Dudley - November 20, 1958
 1915 - Deaconess Anne A. Gilliland - November 8, 1958
 1916 - Deaconess Eleanor Susan McNulty - September 12, 1958
 1912 - Deaconess Elsie Riebe - March 31, 1959
 1908 - Elizabeth Winegar - May 1959

May the Souls of the faithful rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Arrangements have been made and the members of the Alumnae Association will have a Corporate Communion at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Saturday morning, at 11:00 a.m., November 7. Brunch and a meeting will follow in the Cathedral House. Make your plans now to be present.

NEWS ITEMS

Miss Elizabeth Winegar - St. Faith's - 1906 - 1908

All of us who worked in the Archdeaconry of the Blueridge remember "Miss Elizabeth", Archdeacon (and later Bishop) Mason's Secretary and "Office Help" as she liked to refer to herself. All readers of OUR MOUNTAIN WORK will remember her interesting, and many times exciting and dramatic, accounts of days gone by, or, of trips she had taken to the mountain missions she loved so many years.

After completing her work at St. Faith's she went to Mission Home to work with the (then) Rev. and Mrs. Roy Mason in 1908. Besides planting many a worthy seed in the hearts of those with whom she worked, she also started many plants and trees, notably, the now beautiful huge tulip poplar in the front of the mission house at Mission Home. She always had a lovely garden which she shared with any one interested. How well I remember her saying, "in order to have a nice garden you must share it with others - that is, divide your plants, cut your flowers - otherwise it is crowded and chokes itself, stunting its own growth." Pretty good Christian teaching, don't you think?

And now she has gone on, and I trust she has some little garden plot in Paradise claiming her loving care and attention. (E.E.S.)

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Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alumnae Association may be had for the asking. Maria Baile had some "dittoed."

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A note, dated May 13, from Dss. Kate Mayer tells of her thankfulness for a safe trip to Atlanta, Georgia. She had gone by plane the afternoon before when two other planes bound for the same destination had been lost. "Certainly the Lord was good to me and I am truly grateful. Maybe He continues to have some work for me to do!"

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From Miss Marietta E. Atwood, Directress, Diocesan Altar Guild of New Jersey: "My most important work is Directress of our Diocesan Altar Guild. We have organized Ecclesiastical Embroidery Classes in our five convocations. In nine years we have sent Eucharistic vestments, burses, veils, and linens to every missionary district. This year we are working for Bontoc, Philippines; a colored mission in the South; Okinawa; and two Welsh churches, very poor. I am also U.T.O. Custodian, etc., so I am still active in His Work."

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From Rebecca C. Low: "The Church Work is, a Bible study group Sundays - for parents; and a Teacher Training Class on Wednesdays; with Prayer Group, Thursdays; and a project for a home for aged colored folks."

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From Margery V. Hibbard: "Wouldn't it be fun to join you! But there are too many miles between S. Dak. and N.Y. Right now I'm looking forward to a visit from (Dss.) Clara Searle (1924) who's coming to our wide open spaces for a little change from the crowded streets of Chicago. Early in Feb. there was a fire at the Indian Chapel here - St. Mary's. Now our men are busy rebuilding. Luckily most of the damage was from smoke and water, and no one was in the building when it happened. 'Til the work is finished, services are being held at my headquarters, the Religious Activity Center on the Indian School Campus, with a turned-around desk for an altar. The lectern and kneeling desk were taken there, and with the hangings from the chapel we make quite a churchly looking room. The smoky aroma of the rescued Prayer Books and Hymnals give us cause to give thanks that the fire was no worse. I have moved to a comfortable apartment. Any travellers to the west will find a hearty welcome.

THE CENTRAL HOUSE FOR DEACONESSES
1906 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Illinois

May 21, 1959

Dear Alumnae:

It was a great day for Deaconess Brereton and me to be able to be present at the Alumnae Association meeting at Mrs. Hand's on Saturday, May 9, and to tell you something about the Central House in its new location in Evanston, Illinois. The Central House for Deaconesses, moved to Evanston in December 1958. One candidate from the Diocese of Michigan arrived immediately to begin training, and the second candidate from the Diocese of Chicago entered in February. The location in Evanston provides us with many opportunities. We are able to draw from Seabury-Western Seminary for our instructors, and Northwestern University offers various courses for specialized study. The two candidates will be doing their summer work under the Town and Country program. One will go to Valle Crucis, N.C. with field work in the mountains of Southwestern Virginia with Deaconess Anne Newman. The other student will go to Roanridge with field work at Good Shepherd Mission and Sawmill, Fort Defiance, Arizona, with Deaconess Marian Brown.

Should any of you ever visit the Central House, and I hope you will, you will find items here and there that will remind you of your years at St. Faith's, and the Chapel services from Morning Prayer and Holy Communion right through to Compline at 9 p.m. will remind you of the many times you just had to see someone after Compline!!!

After the Alumnae meeting several of us gathered in Evelyn Seymour's apartment and reminisced about our years under St. Faith's roof. It made us wonder what our students will carry away with them. God grant it will be love for the Central House and the same joy and happiness we have carried away from St. Faith's with us.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, both spiritually and financially, and to extend a warm invitation to you, should you ever be in this area.

Affectionately yours,
Edith A. Booth

From Hilda Van Deerlin - Class of 1907: "On Sept. 14, 1958, the members of St. Mary's Mission, Honolulu, gave a reception for my 50th Anniversary there. Many boys and girls whom my sister and I had raised in St. Mary's Children's Home attended the reception with their children. My friends and relatives gave a Koa wood reredos to St. Mary's Church as a thank offering for my 50 years in that mission. Koa is a beautiful Hawaiian wood. I am a U.T.O. Missionary, now retired."

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After the meeting at Mrs. Hand's, nine of us had dinner together and then spent the rest of the evening just talking. During this time we read two letters from Sister Elda Magdalene, N.C.T., and wrote an airmail letter to her in Japan. (Address: Convent of the Transfiguration, Aza Tamade, Shimizu 95, Odawara, Sendai, Japan.) Sister Elda Magdalene is Elda Smith, 1937. Sister Elda received the letter, and wrote to Dss. Evelyn Seymour, on May 17, and the letter was received in New York on the 22nd. These 10¢ Airmails really travel quickly. The following is taken from this letter. "What a nice treat I have had on this beautiful Whitsunday!! I was so thrilled to get the round robin. I felt like bawling for a

minute. I do hope that some day I may be in or around N.Y. when there is a meeting. I would so love to see you all again. It was good to get snatches of news of so many... I have about six weeks more in Japan and I can hardly believe that almost a year has gone by since I arrived. During the first week in June I am going to take a little trip to Aomori and one or two other places if I have time... Next week we are to have a visit from Nellie McKim and Etta Ambler. Were you at St. Faith's when Nellie came to visit? And do you remember how entertaining she was?... Eventually we will have a mission chapel on a piece of land between the kindergarten and the Bishop's House. It will be wonderful to have a church in this part of the city which has no church and which is being worked upon zealously by an evangelistic sect of Buddhism in much the same way as the Mormons or the Holiness people work. We have a fine group of eager young people who come on Sunday for Sunday school in the morning and in the afternoon for club. Also some of the youngster's parents are beginning to come and we put them into an adult class conducted by Kanzaki-san who is House Mother and Head Teacher in the Aoba Training School and has been a parish worker for many years... We have plans made which will include Sunday school rooms and an office for our poor bishop whose office has been in his living room unless he goes into the city where he has an office that is very cold in the winter and very hot in the summer... Japan is very lovely at this time of the year. The farmers are out in the fields which look green and well kept. The Japanese are a hard working and thrifty people... The common people ~~are~~ ~~more~~ during the war than a great many people realize and many are still suffering from the effects, even though it was no more their fault than it was ours... I'll be back at Glendale by the third week in September. Sister Ursula and I are leaving Yokahama on the American Mail Line on July 6.

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Mission of St. Michael and All Angels
Tadian, Kayan, Mountain Province, Philippines

November 25, 1958

Dear Mrs. Botthof,

Yesterday afternoon's post brought your letter... and check for one hundred and fifty dollars. This kind gift from the Alumnae of St. Faith's Home towards a Deaconess Massey Memorial Fund at St. Hilda's Training Center is deeply and gratefully appreciated. We all feel much encouraged by your interest in the training of Philipinas for Church work. It was a lovely and thoughtful kin'ness on the part of the Alumnae Association of the New York Training School to establish a memorial to Dss. Massey that really continues and carries forward her evangelistic work in the Philippines. St. Hilda's graduates will be pioneers in villages, reminding us of Dss. Massey's efforts in Balbalasang. It may interest you to hear that a Balbalasang girl is among the present group of six at St. Hilda's.

Although one cupboard holds our collection of books it is the beginning of the Deaconess Massey Memorial Library. I shall hold part of the contribution in reserve to purchase new books for the library. I appreciate the thought of leaving the allocation of the fund to my discretion. I feel sure that you will approve of a proportion of the money being spent to meet a pressing need. When St. Hilda's trained girls go to the out-stations they should have a few reference books, flannelgraphs, a dictionary. They cannot afford to buy these. It seems to me it would be a very happy memorial to Dss. Massey to extend the library help to the new women workers in their appointed stations. I envision a personal bookshelf for each St. Hilda's graduate, and perhaps a small circulating set of books from the memorial library at the Training Center.

With best wishes and a "Merry Christmas!!" I am, Yours sincerely,

Evelyn M. Ashcroft, Deaconess