

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW YORK TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DEACONESSES

News Letter

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 1963

Dear Fellow Alumnae:

My home parish was in the Pennsylvania oil country and the rector used to remark, appropriately enough, "In preaching, if you don't strike oil in 15 minutes, cease boring." No matter how bad a thing is, if it is brief, it is endurable; so this epistle will be brief.

Greetings and salutations to all of you. It is awe-inspiring to find myself President of St. Faiths. I have a lot to learn and beg the help and prayers of all of you.

We have had a unique and wonderful training at St. Faiths. Let us liken this training to the Talent in the Parable. We are all under obligation to use it, so wherever we are or whatever we are doing, how young or old, how ill, how healthy, we must use this fine heritage to its fullest extent.

Above everything else, pray with a will.

Faithfully yours,

*Catherine R. Kew*  
Catherine Robinson Kew

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The 120th meeting of the Alumnae Association of the New York Training School for Deaconesses was held in the Library of the building which used to be Saint Faith's House on Saturday afternoon, May 19, 1962 at 2 p.m.

The following members were present:

Maria P. Basile	Lucy Botthof	Deaconess Ruth Johnson
Catherine Robinson Kew	Irene Wood Krough	Deaconess Kate S. Mayer
Deaconess Lydia Ramsey	Margery Ranger	

The meeting was opened with prayers by our President, Deaconess Mayer. It was moved and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting as it had been printed in the Bulletin. The President then asked the secretary to read the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on February 8, 1962 which was approved as corrected. The treasurer gave her report which will be found attached hereto. Alumnae present were very gratified to hear of the interest in the Association which was reflected in the number of members paying dues and the gifts received. The treasurer reported that the number of gifts were about the same as last year but the amount had increased. The treasurer's report was accepted.

The officers are:

President	Catherine Robinson Kew
Vice Pres.	Clara Huffman Gray
Secretary	Maria P. Basile
Treasurer	Lucy Botthof

Deaconess Mayer read a letter from Evelyn Buchanan describing a meeting of the Feast of the Epiphany in her home at which Deaconess Dieterly, Esther Matz and Louis Dean Virgin Woodridge were present. It was suggested at that meeting that the annual meeting be continued in New York and whenever possible there should be extension alumnae meetings devoted to worship, fellowship and recollections. The Executive Committee would publish these meetings in the Bulletin.

Mrs. Botthof suggested that the Vice-President sponsor regional meetings so that she could publish same.

A letter from Gayl Sawyer Donahue inquiring about the regional meetings and certain people was read. It was suggested that the Bulletin contain general Church information, such as, an article on the Canon for Professional Women Workers. The President reminded us that the executive committee voted against the Association merging with the Professional Women Church Workers, but that individual members were free to join.

Deaconess Johnson read a letter from Deaconess Gillespy, thanking the Alumnae for the letters and cards she had received on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of her Setting Apart. Deaconess Gillespy wrote that she had hoped to attend the meeting, but found that she could not do so. She expressed her wish and hope that the Alumnae Association would continue.

Deaconess Johnson reported that she had seen Mrs. Hand who appeared much better and, as usual, was very much interested in the Central House and the members of the Alumnae Association. The Association voted to send Mrs. Hand flowers and accepted Deaconess Johnson's kind offer to take them to her.

The Alumnae discussed the value of voting funds to Central House and the decision was reached to send Deaconess Booth the sum of \$200.00 to be used as a "Discretionary Fund For Students".

Deaconess Ramsey read a note from Deaconess Dieterly who recently celebrated her 40th Anniversary as a Deaconess.

The President closed the meeting with prayers for Deaconess Gillespy and Deaconess Tucker, thanking God for their lives and work; prayers were said for the departed members of the Association.

The meeting then adjourned so as to give the members the opportunity to attend Evensong in the Cathedral. After Evensong, the members went to Butler Hall where they enjoyed dinner and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria P. Basile  
SECRETARY

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE NEW YORK TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DEACONESSES  
 Report of the Treasurer  
 May 19, 1963

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 Balance on hand, May 1, 1961 \$351.80

## RECEIPTS:

General Fund		
Dues paid.....	\$206.11	
Gifts.....	218.00	
Interest.....	<u>19.65</u>	
		443.76
Total Receipts		<u>\$795.56</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Flowers for Mrs. Hand.....	\$ 9.27	
Deaconess Booth (Scholarship)..	50.00	
Deaconess Booth (Discretionary Fund)....	50.00	
Printing Bulletin.....	11.22	
Postage & Envelopes.....	9.50	
Postage, etc., Nov. Newsletter.	9.50	
Mimeographing notice & ballot..	3.50	
Envelopes and postage for the May meeting.....	<u>4.24</u>	
Total Disbursements		147.23

BALANCE in Saving Account  
 as of May 19, 1962 \$648.33

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy G. Botthof  
 TREASURER

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK TRAINING SCHOOL FOR DEACONESSES

ANNUAL MEETING May 11, 1963 at 2 p.m.

PLACE Cathedral Library, Diocesan House (Formerly St. Faith's)

FOLLOWED BY Evensong 5 p.m. at the Cathedral  
Dinner 6 p.m. at Butler Hall

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Please return the remainder of this sheet to the Treasurer:

Mrs. Frank Botthof  
851 Springfield Avenue  
Summit, New Jersey

For 1963 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (dues) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (gift)

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Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Ballot

Secretary: Marie Prentiss Basile..... \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Lucy Gray Botthof ..... \_\_\_\_\_

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Please add personal NEWS ITEMS for the Alumnae Bulletin.....  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_