

September 1966

President's Message

Dear Ladies of the Alumnae Association:

The Bulletin was bogged down because the President of the Alumnae allowed herself to be persuaded to be regent of DAR chapter here, and the task has been overwhelming. It will be out eventually. Meanwhile, this Newsletter will keep you up with current developments.

Dad passed away early in July, and that combined with the heat rather knocked one out.

Please continue to pray for the Alumnae and for us to "both think and do such things as are right" in these times of confusion and change.

God bless you all.

Affectionately,

Catherine Kew

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING, 1966

The 125th Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Association of the New York Training School for Deaconesses and Other Church Workers met in the Diocesan House on Saturday, May 7, 1966 with the following members present:

Maria Prentiss Basile	(1936)	Catherine Robinson Kew	(1931)
Clara A. Beeny	(1922)	Lydia A. Ramsay, Deaconess	(1934)
Lucy Gray Botthof	(1927)	Margery H. Ranger	(1916)
Hilda L. Dieterly, Deaconess	(1922)		

The President, Mrs. Kew, called the meeting to order and advised that the business part of the meeting would follow the speaker's address. Accordingly, she introduced the speaker, Mrs. Maxime Berlitz Volmer, who gave a most charming talk on "How to Lose Friends and Irritate People." She said it was the inconsequential things that people say but do not mean that contribute to this; that manners are necessary to make us endurable to each other. Humility was the keynote of her talk. She stressed the use of "We" instead of "I." Her talk was delightful and we were most fortunate in having such a gifted speaker.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Volmer's talk, the President opened the meeting for business by asking the Secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

The Treasurer, Mrs. Botthof, reported a balance this year of \$625.37. She also reported that 58 ballots were returned.

New Business

Mrs. Basile moved that the Association send flowers to Mrs. Hand, Deaconess Ramsay seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. Miss Ranger said that when she took flowers from the Association to Mrs. Hand last year that she saw her and that Mrs. Hand was still very much interested in our organization. The Alumnae decided to send flowers to Deaconess Gillespy. Miss Beeny said that she had seen Deaconess last March and that she was doing very well. Mrs. Botthof read a letter from Deaconess Gillespy which bore this out.

Deaconess Ramsay moved that the Association send \$100.00 to Central House. Mrs. Basile seconded and the motion was carried and the Treasurer so instructed. After much discussion the Alumnae voted to give St. Margaret's Church in the Bronx \$25.00 as a thank offering for the life of Deaconess Simpson and to give \$100.00 to Deaconess Ashcroft for her work in the Philippines. It was the consensus of the Alumnae present that the fall meeting be discontinued and in its place hold an Executive Committee meeting if necessary.

Nominating Committee

Mrs. Botthof gave the report on the ballots received. Mrs. Kew was elected President and Miss Ranger Vice President. The Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. The President asked Deaconess Dieterly to close the meeting with prayers.

Following the meeting the Alumnae present went to Butler Hall for a delightful dinner and social gathering.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria P. Basile, Secretary

Report of the Treasurer
May 7, 1966

Balance on hand May 15, 1965 \$ 595.33

RECEIPTS

General Fund		
Dues	\$ 144.50	
Gifts	141.00	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>16.66</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>302.16</u>
		\$ 897.49

DISBURSEMENTS

to Deaconess Ashcroft for Tadian	100.00	
to Deaconess Booth for Central House	100.00	
to Sister Mary Michael, Liberia	50.00	
flowers to Deaconess Gillespy and Mrs. Hand	<u>22.12</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>272.12</u>

Balance on Hand May 7, 1966 \$ 625.37

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Gray Botthof, Treasurer

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From Deaconess Gillespy:

"The flowers from The Alumnae Association were and still are quite beautiful - a whole week after their arrival. And I was and am and shall continue to be thankful and grateful to you and all the other members of the Association who are as a group responsible for my having them."

From Deaconess Booth:

"So very many thanks to the Alumnae Association for their generous check of \$100 for the Central House. We are so grateful to you. I wish we could have been at the meeting. We keep hoping it will be possible - and will try again next year."

Another of our candidates will be Ordered Deaconess on Sunday, June 26th in Phoenix, Arizona. Plans are now that she will be in charge of a home for retired women in Baltimore, Md. The other candidate who graduated from Seabury-Western Seminary in May hasn't definite plans yet. We expect two new candidates in September - both sound to be wonderful people. One is very young just out of college this June and the other a Pharmacist in a hospital in Dallas.

Both Amelia and I are quite well. I still have to stay within limitations, but am feeling much better. Amelia is perfectly well now. Tomorrow we are taking a little jaunt up to Sault Ste. Marie. A place we have always wanted to see. This is the first time we have been completely 'free' since last August so we are getting away for a few days."

From Deaconess Ashcroft:

"How good of St. Faith's Alumnae to vote \$100 towards the Mission work in Tadian! I do appreciate the loyal support that gives my heart as well as the work a lift. You have stood by so staunchly with prayer and gifts during the early years of St. Hilda's that I know you will be especially pleased by this year's development. The in-service training assignments have come from Bishop Ogilby. St. Hilda's students will open some new Church Children's Guilds in stations far to the north. St. Faith's Alumnae who attended the 1955 General Convention may remember Mr. Simon Aquino, the lay deputy from the Philippines. He is on the National Council of the Philippine Episcopal Church, and was recently appointed to the new Advisory Council for St. Hilda's Training Center. We are immensely pleased to have the help of this extremely competent layman."

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