

has too thanklessly used their work. It is the peculiar gifts and special excellences of women which the Church will most wish to use. Its wisdom will be shown, not in disregarding, but in taking advantage of, the differences between women and men. These considerations seem to have guided the primitive Church to create the Order of Deaconesses.

THE REVIVAL OF THE ORDER OF DEACONESSSES.

We have recorded our approval of the revival of that Order, and we have attempted to indicate the duties and functions which, in our judgment, belong to it. We also recognise that God has granted to some women special gifts of spiritual insight and power of prophetic teaching. We have tried to show how these gifts can be exercised to the greatest benefit of the Church. The arrangements which we have suggested are not applicable to all countries alike. Yet everywhere the attempt must be made to make room for the Spirit to work, according to the wisdom which He will give, so that the fellowship of the Ministry may be strengthened by the co-operation of women and the fellowship of the Church be enriched by their spiritual gifts."

The duties to be assigned to the new Order are embodied in the Resolutions of the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

47. The time has come when, in the interests of the church at large, and in particular of the development of the Ministry of Women, the Diaconate of Women should be restored formally and canonically, and should be recognized throughout the Anglican communion.

48. The Order of Deaconesses is for women the one and only Order of the ministry which has the stamp of Apostolic approval, and is for women the only Order of the ministry which we can recommend that our branch of the Catholic Church should recognize and use.

49. The office of a deaconess is primarily a ministry of succour, bodily and spiritual, especially to women, and should follow the lines of the primitive rather than of the modern diaconate of men. It should be understood that the deaconess dedicates herself to a lifelong service, but that no vow or implied promise of celibacy should be required as necessary for admission to the Order. Nevertheless, deaconesses who desire to do so may legitimately pledge themselves either as members of a community, or as individuals, to a celibate life.

50. In every branch of the Anglican communion there should be adopted a form and manner of making of deaconesses such as might fitly find a place in the Book of Common Prayer, containing in all cases provision for:—

- (a) Prayer by the bishop and the laying-on of his hands;
- (b) A formula giving authority to execute

the Office of a Deaconess in the Church of God;

(c) The delivery of the New Testament by the bishop to each candidate.

We congratulate the League of the Church Militant (formerly the Church League for Women's Suffrage) which has a trained nurse, Miss S. A. Villiers, Matron of the South Western Hospital, Stockwell, as Chairman of its Executive, on the decisions of the Lambeth Conference. The League had the courage of its convictions and the faith to uphold them when they were unpopular and condemned by many. It has merited its reward.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Bulwell Hall Sanatorium for Children, Nottingham.—Miss M. E. Dale has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Victoria Hospital, Richmond, Yorkshire, and has been Staff Nurse at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Oldham, Sister at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and Assistant Matron at the Orthopædic Hospital, Baschurch, Shrewsbury. She also served abroad during the war as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

DEPUTY SISTER-MATRON.

Romford Union.—Miss Amy Phipps has been appointed Deputy Sister-Matron. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, London, E., where she was subsequently Sister, and Night Superintendent. During the war she was Sister at a Military Hospital in France, and Matron at a War Hospital, Deal. In addition to her three years' certificate of general training she holds certificates as a Sanitary Inspector, a Health Visitor, the tuberculosis certificate of the Royal Chest Hospital, and the sick cookery certificate of the Universal Food and Cookery Association, and is a Certified Midwife. She is also an approved lecturer on Home Nursing and holds the "Insignie en Argent" of the French Army.

SISTER.

Putney Hospital.—Miss Helen McEvoy has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Kingston Infirmary and has been Sister at the Bermondsey Military Hospital.

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.—Miss L. Follitt has been appointed Sister of Griffith Ward. She was trained at St. Thomas Hospital.

Miss Krella has been appointed Sister of Hatten Ward. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital.

Miss Edith Hibberd has been appointed Sister to take charge of the X-Ray, Electrical and Massage Department. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital, London, and was four years in charge of the Massage and X-Ray Department at Bolingbroke Hospital, S.W., three years Sister of the X-Ray and Massage Department, Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Sister-in-Charge of the Electro-Therapeutic Department at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and Massage Sister at the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Education Committee, Loughborough.—Miss Annie Corbett has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, where she was afterwards Sister. She is a certified midwife.

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