ST. LUKE’S FUND PASSES $500,000 MARK

ALTHOUGH no general appeal for St. Luke’s has been made in the Episcopal churches as yet, owing to the holding of the General Convention and the Every Member Canvas, the half million dollar mark has been passed in the undertaking to raise the $2,656,500 Medical Centre fund.

The two most recent large gifts were $125,000 made available for the building fund by the National Council and $100,000 given by the estate of the late Charles M. Hall, aluminum manufacturer of Niagara Falls, N. Y. The $125,000 pledged by the National Council represents the allocation to the fund being raised for construction purposes of half the sum previously appropriated for operating expenses during the next five years. This step was taken in view of the recent $400,000 gift of the Rockefeller Foundation for endowment of the College of Nursing. The $100,000 gift from the Hall estate will go towards the College of Nursing.

The $500,000 now pledged includes, among other gifts, the $100,000 pledged by an anonymous donor early in the campaign, the $50,000 gift of Mr. and Mrs. Percy R. Pyne and $25,000 given by J. P. Morgan & Co.

Preparations for Church Appeal to Start on Epiphany

THROUGH a vote the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church has recommended that active preparations for the St. Luke’s appeal in churches of this denomination throughout the country begin on Epiphany, January 6, and that plans be made to have the effort culminate in the week beginning on Sunday, February 3, and ending on Quinquagesima Sunday, which is February 10.

Eight Dioceses were represented at the first regional conference in connection with the appeal in the churches, held in Chicago on December 7. These Dioceses were Chicago, Northern Indiana, Indianapolis, Springfield, Quincy, Milwaukee, Fond du Lac and Iowa. A similar regional conference is to be held in Pittsburgh on January 15 and others, in various sections of the country, will follow.

The Chicago conference was attended by the following:


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Bishop McKim Praises Hospital as Christian Institution

UNQUALIFIED endorsement of St. Luke’s International Hospital, Tokyo, as the greatest missionary institution in Japan was given by the Rt. Rev. John McKim, D.D., Bishop of North Tokyo, in an address at a meeting of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York on December 12.

Bishop McKim said:

"Let me express my gratitude for the effort now being made by the Church to reconstruct and endow St. Luke’s Hospital, Tokyo. St. Luke’s is the greatest missionary institution in Japan. It does more in the way of religious education than all of our schools. It is a great humanitarian activity. It is doing a splendid work for international friendship.

"As a near neighbor of St. Luke’s—I lived next door to it for more than twenty-five years—I suppose I know it better than anyone except Dr. Teusler. There was hardly a day when I was not there, so I know, from personal knowledge, of the tremendous good accomplished by St. Luke’s.

"It is emphatically a Christian institution. The staff headed by Dr. Teusler and Mrs. St. John as the head of the College of Nursing, with other foreign members, as well as Japanese, crowd into the chapel every day, spreading into the corridors, asking God’s guidance for the day. This is seven o’clock in the morning.

"It furnishes more candidates for baptism and confirmation than almost any of the churches in the whole diocese. Through its social service it gets into the homes and takes care of the physical condition of the children in twelve schools in that part of Tokyo in which it is situated. Its ramifications extend all through the country. If you ask a jinricksha man to take you to a certain place he may not know anything about it. I have been embarrassed, after asking a man to take me home, to have him say, ‘I do not know where you live.’ But if I say it is next door to St. Luke’s he takes me there.

“I urge with all my heart your continued efforts to complete this tremendous work you have undertaken. I pray God He may bless you.”

Missionary Bishops to Return to Japan Shortly


The Rt. Rev. Charles S. Reifsnider, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of North Tokyo, who has been speaking in behalf of St. Luke’s, will sail from San Francisco on the Shinyo Maru on January 2.

The Rt. Rev. Norman S. Binsted, D.D., recently consecrated as Bishop of Tohoku, will not sail for Japan until some time in February. Before his departure he will fill several speaking engagements in the interest of St. Luke’s International Medical Centre on the Pacific Coast.

Los Angeles Committee Member in New York for Conference

GEORGE I. COCHRAN of Los Angeles, a member of the St. Luke’s General Committee, visited New York City about the middle of December and conferred with Dr. Teusler and the Hon. George W. Wickersham, Chairman of the American Executive Committee, in regard to plans for the campaign in California.
Women Working Towards Goal of $1,000,000

EPISCOPAL women are aiming at $1,000,000 as their goal in the campaign for St. Luke's. Mrs. Henry P. Davison, of New York City, Chairman of the National Women's Committee, is calling upon every woman in the Church to have a part in raising this amount.

The National Women's Committee which will have charge of the general direction of the women's united effort now includes outstanding women representing virtually every section of the country. Under a uniform plan for organization in building up the women's committees in every Diocese, there is to be a Chairman for each Diocese under whose direction plans will be carried out for reaching every woman in every parish for a personal contribution. In addition there will be special committees in all the principal cities and centers which will secure large gifts from friends of St. Luke's both inside and outside the Church.

The campaign among the Churchwomen in the Dioceses of New York, New Jersey, Newark, Long Island and Connecticut, as well as in other neighboring Dioceses, will open with a luncheon for 1,000 women to be held in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on February 2, according to an announcement by the National Women's Committee. Dr. Teusler will be the principal speaker on this occasion. The program will be broadcast from one of the leading radio stations and committees in other Dioceses are planning to hold meetings on the same day.

Plans For Bancroft Memorial Under Way In Chicago

A GROUP of 125 outstanding business men of Chicago attended a luncheon given in that city on December 5, at the Union League Club, in honor of Dr. Rudolf Bolling Teusler, Director of St. Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo. The hosts were George M. Reynolds, B. A. Eckhart, William Wrigley, Jr., Dr. Frank Billings, E. J. Buffington and B. E. Sunny.

A committee is being formed in Chicago as a result of the luncheon to provide a fund for a memorial to the late Hon. Edgar A. Bancroft, formerly American Ambassador to Japan, who was a resident of Chicago before going to the Orient. The memorial proposed is a surgical suite in the St. Luke's International Medical Centre, to cost about $250,000.


On the same day Dr. Teusler addressed the Women's Guild of St. Luke's Church in Evanston at a meeting at which the rector of that church, the Rev. Dr. George Craig Stewart, also was a speaker. The following morning Dr. Teusler spoke at a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Chicago, in Roosevelt Hall.

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Graduation exercises of the College of Nursing.

College of Nursing Graduates
Largest Class in History

SIXTEEN nurses, the largest class in the history of the institution, were graduated from the St. Luke’s College of Nursing at commencement exercises held recently. The nurses received diplomas as college graduates since the school is recognized by the Imperial Government as a full college, the only institution of its kind to be so honored.


New York Evening Post, November 14:

“Teusler of St. Luke’s, Tokio,” should be a name to conjure with, like that of “Grenfell of Labrador.” As Mr. Thomas Lamont said at the banquet to him last night, he has the executive ability of the head of a great corporation and the skill and tenderness of the great physician.

For twenty-seven years Dr. Rudolph Bolling Teusler of Virginia has been working to establish in Tokio that intricate combination of science, service and education which we know as the modern American hospital. He has established such an institution, the only place in all Japan where resident or traveling Americans can get the care and treatment to which they are used at home. That institution saved the life of Miss Jane Addams a year or two ago.

More than that, however, Dr. Teusler has built St. Luke’s to give to Japanese doctors and nurses the actual, practical background of medicine which they find in their training period abroad but lack utterly when they return to Japan. In the science of medicine or in medical research the keen Japanese physicians need take their hats off to none; but in the actual application of their knowledge, without modern hospitals, without internships, without training schools for nurses and without clinics they are hopelessly handicapped.

St. Luke’s offers these opportunities. Forty Japanese doctors are on its staff today, and every one of them turns into the upkeep of the hospital every cent that he makes in outside practice.

In behalf of this noble experiment, this fine gesture of friendliness to Japan, Dr. Teusler is in this city seeking to raise $2,656,500 for building new hospital structures of concrete and steel to take the place of the buildings destroyed in the earthquake.

New York Herald-Tribune, December 5:

Automobiles and motion pictures and jazz all carry the fame of America to the ends of the earth, but the American doctor and the American nurse are our most potent form of international advertising. The quality of medical work done by Americans abroad—in Belgium and in France in war time, in Germany and in Russia afterward, at Panama and in the yellow-fever ports of South America, and in the Peking Union Medical College and at St. Luke’s International Hospital in Tokio—has been a kind of super-propaganda for the best that is in America.

St. Luke’s Hospital, through a committee headed by George W. Wickersham, is now seeking to develop into a great American medical center in the Orient. The tuberculosis rate in Tokio is still three times that in New York; one-third of the babies in Osaka die before they reach their first birthdays. Men who want to aid in fortifying the growing good will in the Pacific could find no better way of doing so than helping St. Luke’s to grow.

Ground-breaking ceremony for new Medical Centre, February 11, 1928