

ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF THE NEW DEACONESS HOSPITAL BUILDING



EAST ELEVATION.
SALEM DEACONESS HOSPITAL
SALEM, ORE.

There is shown above a view of the new Deaconess hospital building, taken from the architects' drawing. As will be seen from the picture, it will be a three-story building of brick, of modern construction, and will have a full basement. Every modern convenience will be provided.

History of the Hospital Told.
The Salem Deaconess hospital was opened on December 3, 1916, with three sisters who were nurses. The organization had secured from J. H. Albert a tract of land 165 by 355 feet, and the beginnings were made in the old E. M. Waite residence, which had stood on the corner where the city library now stands, and which had been bought by Mr. Albert and moved to the hospital site on South Winter street.

F. B. Wedel is president of the board of directors of the hospital, and has been since the beginning. Sister Marie, daughter of Mr. Wedel, has been head deaconess from the start. There are now from 12 to 15 nurses, five of them being student nurses.

The hospital organization is under the auspices of the Mennonite church of Oregon. It is the only Deaconess hospital of that denomination on the Pacific coast, so that it draws sympathy and support from far places.

In 1918 a new building or annex was added, at an expense of about \$5000, providing eight additional rooms for patients.

More Than Doubles Capacity.
The new building, now in course of construction and to be ready for occupancy in the early fall, will have cost, when fully equipped, about \$50,000. It will give room for the accommodation of at least 62 more patients.

It will increase the capacity of the hospital to 100 patients, without crowding as much as is the rule now. The new building is 38 by 120 feet. In 1918 the Deaconess hospital accommodated 700 patients, and in 1919 there were 814 patients who were for shorter or longer periods under that hospital roof. Since the opening day about 3000 patients have been accommodated there.

Will Grow Steadily.
With its enlarged capacity, when the new building is ready for service, the training school for nurses will accommodate larger classes. More trained nurses will be turned out. And, while a 100-bed hospital fully equipped will be a far cry from the modest beginnings, the work of expansion will not be stopped there. There will have to be a building to be used as a home for the nurses. A Mennonite church building will come. More room will have to be provided for orphan children and aged people—though much work in these fields of usefulness has been done all along and will be done in the future to as great an extent as the capacity of the institution will warrant.

It is Good for Salem. Mennonites all over the United States and Canada are drawn towards Salem on account of their sympathy for this institution. These people largely work on the land. Not many of them engage in business. But they are good and intelligent farmers, and they are thrifty and decent and law abiding people. They are the kind of people the Salem district very much needs. This section cannot get too many of them.

Mr. Wedel says his people are very proud of what they have so far been able to accomplish, beset with many difficulties.

"Love thy neighbor as thyself" is the spirit of the institution. Mr. Wedel says he thinks it would not be amiss, in connection with this article descriptive of the new structure, to remind many kind friends who have promised financial aid that this aid would be more than timely if extended now; that a benevolent bestowed when timely is capable of twice the good of the tardy gift.

It should be added that in its conduct the Salem Deaconess hospital is not denominational. It is a nurses' school for everybody. As the nurses practically elect the board of directors, it is not denominational even.

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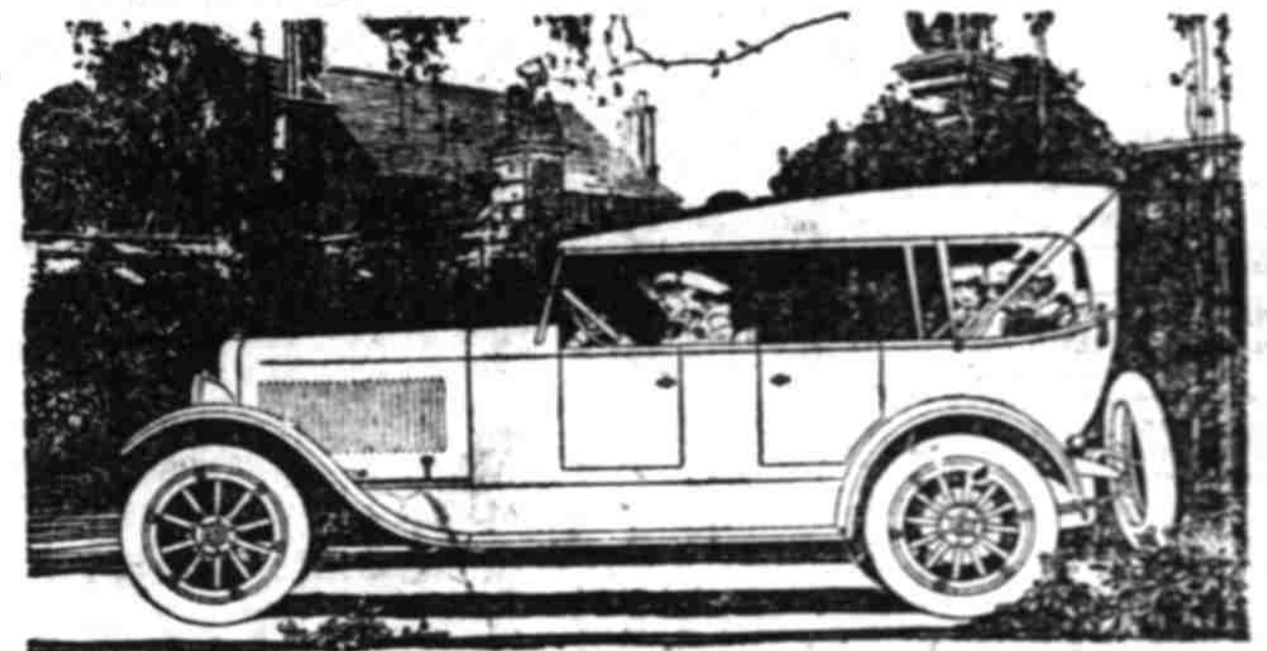
By REV. J. R. BUCK.
What do Catholics believe in regard to the Bible? They believe that it is the Word of God, divinely inspired, but that the Catholic Church alone has the power to interpret it, because God gave her that power. That it was through the Catholic Church that the world obtained the Bible has been proved, and it was Christ Himself who said: (Matt. 28, xiv, xx). "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you—And lo, I am with you all days, even to the end of the world." The Catholic Church therefore, contends that the Apostles and their successors to whom the command was given, can rightly interpret the Scriptures.

When George Washington and his associates wrote the constitution of the United States, they did not say to the people of the United States, "Let everyone read the constitution, interpret it to suit himself and make a government to himself," but a supreme court was constituted to interpret those laws with a supreme judge to decide in matters of contention. Otherwise we should have had as much confusion in the United States as exists in regard to religion. It would have been "confusion worse confounded," because there would have been absolutely no norm extant for guidance. In Christianity we have that norm in the Catholic Church, which Christ established as the supreme court with a supreme judge both of which is infallible since Christ Himself guides them as He promised to do. The Catholic faith is a divine faith while all other Christian religion founded upon man's opinion is human faith. The Catholic is not satisfied to have the Bible read and explained by anyone and everyone, and is therefore consistent when he objects to the practice of this in the public schools. It is not that he objects to the public schools for secular education as many would have us think, but because he wishes to have only exactness and certainty in religion taught his children—not mere theory or false principles. And it is because of this that the Catholic objects to attendance at other religious services. The uneducated in religion are as fallible in their beliefs as a little child attending the primary schools. Would you consent to have your child attend various schools where two plus two might equal five or ten or anything else. We know full well that the average man thinks he is "broad" when it comes to religious views, but it is a fact that in ninety-nine per cent of these cases he is also extremely shallow. He sets himself up as a judge, where he has little knowledge of any religion. The Catholic Church knowing herself to be the teacher appointed by Christ Himself, is using every means to bring all to the correct knowledge of the Christian religion. Therefore, "in season and out of season," she is ever busy doing the work her Master gave her to do; she is striving to impart her doctrines, admonishing her children to lead truly Christian lives, and her prayers are ever ascending for those without the fold. She has existed for nearly 2000 years in spite of all her enemies and like her Master she is always proclaiming that she is not anxious for worldly honors, place or power, but her only desire is to carry on the work given her to do.

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