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Daughter of the ancient Eve,  
We know the gifts ye gave and give;  
Who knows the gifts which *you* shall give,  
Daughter of the Newer Eve?

Francis Thompson

## International Council Meeting — Freiburg President's Address

In the year that has elapsed since St. Joan's International Alliance met at Orleans, many outstanding events have taken place within the orbit of Christianity: the Second Vatican Oecumenical Council which made such a profound impact on the world mainly due to the personality of Pope John XXIII; the death of this beloved Pontiff, and the election and coronation of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI. It is in the light of these events that I want to make a kind of examination of the conscience of the Alliance during the past twelve months.

There is now much talk of the *Apostolate of the Laity*. This Apostolate is the very mainspring of the Alliance's existence, and with the international organisations, its sections have pursued its activities in the most diverse spheres with the aim of bringing the position of women into line with fundamental Christian principles. The Alliance also has a *missionary* ideal, and it is, therefore, its bounden duty to afford every possible means of assistance to the women of underdeveloped and developing countries. To this ideal the Alliance has been unswervingly faithful (Foundation of French Section 1931; Memorandum to League of Nations 1937; action on Ritual Mutilations with the League of Nations and United Nations), but we must ask ourselves this: what is it doing today, what can it do? I hope that all of you have given due consideration to this question, on the answer to which I shall now touch.

It was only a few months ago that the Alliance found confirmation for its vocation, a true interpretation of its principles, as well as guidance on how to apply them to the best possible use, in an incomparable source: the Easter Encyclical of our deeply-mourned Pope John XXIII, the wonderful *Pacem in Terris* on which we can never meditate

too much. Not only does it provide us with all the sustenance we need for the work incumbent on us, that of assisting the citizens of new countries, not only does it point our way to the establishment of relations with peoples of different races, cultures, creeds, but above all—I repeat, above all—it codifies in brief for the first time in the Church's teaching, the true status of women. The passages from the Encyclical on this vital subject appeared in the May and July issues of the *Catholic Citizen*; re-read them, meditate on them, for they are the inspiration for the work that lies ahead of us, and equally for the work that must be done *now*.

Bear in mind, too, that the Second Vatican Oecumenical Council is not terminated; its second session begins on September 29th, and once again, Christians throughout the world will have the unique opportunity to express their wishes to the Church. The Alliance has already done so, but there is a question on the present agenda that may require us to raise our voices respectfully once more. Rightly, I believe, we prayed to the Holy Ghost for guidance and light. Let us also invoke our patron saint, St. Joan. I have just come from Domrémy, and though I heard no voices, I dwelt in thought on her life—her exceptional, her extraordinary life. I found myself wondering how she would be received if she returned to earth, attended a session of the United Nations in New York, and addressed the great and influential of our own times. Would she be bundled off to a mental hospital, sentenced to prison? Or perhaps, remembering that what she did five hundred years ago was incredible, would men listen to her?

Whether they would heed her or not, it is to St. Joan that we must pray for the strength, the grace of light that will enable us to continue our work.

## RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE 20TH COUNCIL MEETING, FREIBURG, GERMANY, 1963.

**Political Rights**

St. Joan's International Alliance calls upon the Governments of those States which have not yet recognised the right to equal franchise and eligibility of women with men, to do so without delay.

**Marriage**

St. Joan's International Alliance believes that the Sacrament of marriage entails an indissoluble monogamous union entered into with the full consent of both parties; with a full sense of responsibility and in full conformity with the teaching of the Church.

(a) It demands that those laws which still impose a measure of civil incapacity upon the wife and married mother be rescinded.

(i) A married woman should have the same rights as other citizens:

(a) regarding nationality and domicile;  
(b) to contract, earn and to exercise rights over her own earnings and property.

(ii) A married woman should exercise equal rights with her husband over the children born of their marriage or adopted by them.

(iii) There should be no legal bar to a married woman undertaking work outside the home.

(vi) The economic status of the housewife should be raised. It should be legally recognised that husband and wife are partners, and each of them is entitled to share in the family income.

(b) St. Joan's International Alliance welcomes the adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 17th December, 1962, of the **Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages**, while regretting that no minimum age of marriage was included in the Convention:

St. Joan's International Alliance welcomes the **Recommendation** passed by the 17th Session of the Status of Women Commission concerning Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriages, but regrets that the minimum Age of Marriage was deleted. The Alliance calls upon its National Sections to urge their Governments to instruct their delegates to the General Assembly of the United Nations in September, 1963, to re-insert a minimum Age of Marriage of fifteen years for both sexes.

**Maintenance**

St. Joan's International Alliance urges Governments to alter their legal systems where necessary in order to make it possible for them to sign the United Nations Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance, adopted in June, 1956.

**Inheritance Rights**

St. Joan's International Alliance calls upon its National Sections to urge their Governments to ensure equality of inheritance rights of men and women by providing that men and women in the same degree of relationship shall be entitled to equal shares in the estate and shall have equal rank in the order of succession.

**Mutilations Based on Custom**

St. Joan's International Alliance trusts that those States in which the practice of mutilation based on custom still survives will take the necessary steps for its early abolition.

It further requests the Status of Women Commission to continue to give its attention to this matter.

**Equal Moral Standard**

(a) In re-affirming its belief in the same high moral standard for both sexes, St. Joan's International Alliance deplores the fact that the pernicious system of State regulation of prostitution persists in several countries. It calls upon its National Sections to urge their Governments to ratify the Convention on the suppression of the Traffic in Persons and the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others.

(b) St. Joan's International Alliance re-affirms its belief that laws to safeguard public order should apply equally to men and women and that all measures taken to prevent the spread of venereal disease should be free, voluntary and confidential.

**Equal Pay and Opportunities**

St. Joan's International Alliance calls upon National Sections to urge their Governments and all appropriate bodies to ensure as rapidly as possible the application of the principle of equal pay for work of equal value.

It further urges National Sections to press for the same opportunities for education for vocational and technical training; for employment and promotion for both sexes; also to ensure that any Government requests for assistance from the United Nations and Specialised Agencies shall be for women equally with men.

It further urges that in all labour legislation equal protection shall be given to men and women against exploitation, industrial accident or disease.

**Age of Retirement and Right to Pension**

St. Joan's International Alliance expresses its satisfaction that the Status of Women Commission at its 17th Session recommended that there should be equal provisions in the matter of the right of retirement and the right to pension for men and women workers.

The Alliance calls upon its National Sections to urge their Governments to implement this principle.

**Education**

(1) St. Joan's International Alliance believes that the aim of education is the full development of the human being both as an individual and as a member of society and re-affirms its belief that education should be based on religious and spiritual values.

(2) The Alliance urges all Governments to ensure that in all schemes of education, the same opportunities shall be available for boys and girls, men and women, irrespective of religion or race.

(3) As the greater part of catechetical instruction is being entrusted to the laity and more particularly to women, St. Joan's International Alliance requests the appropriate authorities to permit women to follow the courses in theology of all grades, to take the necessary qualifying examinations and to receive the diplomas and degrees now accessible only to men.

**Slavery**

St. Joan's International Alliance views with concern the continuance of slavery and the slave trade. It calls upon its National Sections to urge their Governments to instruct their delegates to the General Assembly of the United Nations to provide for the appointment of a Rapporteur to obtain precise and up-to-date information on slavery and the slave trade.

**Fuller Participation of Women in the Service of the Church**

(a) In view of the growing desire for the fuller participation of the laity in the Apostolate, St. Joan's International Alliance re-affirms its belief that the dedicated work done by so many women for the Church would be more firmly based if they had some outward sign of the official support and blessing of the Church. As a concrete suggestion St. Joan's International Alliance submits that, if in future, diaconal duties are to be entrusted to laymen as an independent ministry, this ministry be open to both men and women.

(b) St. Joan's International Alliance respectfully requests that representatives of the Catholic laity both men and women be invited to attend meetings of the Commissions of the Ecumenical Council as experts.

(c) St. Joan's International Alliance welcomes the setting up by His Holiness Pope John XXIII of a commission for the revision of Canon Law. Encouraged by the words of His Holiness in **Pacem in Terris** the Alliance expresses the hope that special consideration will be given to those Canons which refer to women.

(d) St. Joan's International Alliance re-affirms its loyalty and filial devotion and expresses its conviction that should the Church in her wisdom and in her good time decide to extend to women the dignity of the priesthood, women would be willing and eager to respond

**Liturgy**

St. Joan's International Alliance respectfully requests that the prayers in the Nuptial Mass said over the bride and bridegroom after the Pater Noster be so worded as to apply to both sexes.

## Notes and Comments

We offer our respectful congratulations to the Most Reverend John Carmel Heenan on his appointment to the See of Westminster and assure him of our loyalty and of our prayers. The Alliance was represented at the enthronement in Westminster Cathedral by Miss Barry.

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We hope many members will attend the Annual Mass for deceased members associates and benefactors of the Alliance on Sunday, November 3rd, at 6 p.m., at St Patrick's, Soho Square.

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This issue of *The Catholic Citizen* is largely devoted to the International Council Meeting, and we record our gratitude to the seven members of the British Delegation who so generously represented the U.K. at Freiburg under the brilliant leadership of Dr. Marita Shattock Harper.

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St. Joan's Alliance is happy to welcome Miss E. D. Price its new International Hon. Secretary, and is most grateful to her for so kindly devoting some of her retirement to its work. Miss Price has had a most distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service, and has been attached to many embassies, including Moscow, Warsaw and Thailand.

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Congratulations to Miss Massingberd Ford on obtaining her degree in Divinity at London University (it was in 1961 that permission for this was given by Cardinal Godfrey). She has been appointed to a lectureship in Religious Studies at Makerere University, Uganda, and thus becomes the first Catholic lay-woman to hold such a post at a Commonwealth University. She will lecture in New Testament Studies and will visit Catholic authorities and schools in Uganda in order to ascertain how the University can best serve them when it draws up its final syllabus for theological students. Miss Ford was one of the U.K. delegates to the International Meeting at Freiburg, and the Alliance takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation of her work.

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Speaking of her predecessor, Dr. Marga Klompé Holland's new Minister for Social Welfare, Mrs. Schouwenaar-Fransen, said: "She has left me a going concern." These are true words indeed; Dr. Klompé, the first woman to become a Minister in Holland, has done invaluable work, her last measure being the reform of the poor law, making social assistance a right instead of a privilege. Dr. Klompé is still a member of the Second Chamber, but as she wrote in a letter to the Alliance: "I was not willing to accept a post in a new Government because I need a little more time to think and read." Assuredly she can look back with satisfaction at eight notable ministerial years.

Members and friends are invited to the Caxton Hall at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 21st, when, under the auspices of the Alliance, Dr. Charles Duguid will give an address: "The Aborigines of Australia—No Dying Race." Dr. Duguid is an authority on this fascinating and comparatively little-known people, so we look forward to an absorbing evening.

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It is the custom for students who have completed the course at the Josephine Butler Memorial College to have a "Dismissal" ceremony. The service is Anglican, but we learn from the White Sisters' News-Sheet that this year two Catholic students asked for a "Dismissal" in their own faith. Their request was granted, and the Reverend Father Ripley, their chaplain, presided at the ceremony which took place in the chapel of the White Sisters' convent at Alexandra Drive. After the beautiful service, which was attended by all the students and staff of Josephine Butler College, Mother Marie de L'Ascension and Sister Mildred were honoured guests at the "Dismissal" tea-party held in the College.

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At the general election in Persia last month, women voted for the first time. There were six women candidates, all of whom were elected; with one exception, they belong to the overwhelmingly victorious National Union Coalition Party.

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Because the hungry can think of nothing beyond their immediate need, because the work of the Alliance cannot flourish in a climate of starvation, your editor draws your special attention to Oxfam's appeal on the back page, and earnestly hopes that you will respond.

## HON. TREASURER'S NOTE

The Christmas Sale will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, from 12 to 5.30 p.m. Please collect your gifts for the stalls and send them to us as soon as possible *after November 15th*. New goods of all kinds are wanted. Groceries, cakes, sweets, toys, stationery and toilet requisites are needed and should be clearly marked with the price as this saves time and trouble in the office. Lunches and teas will be provided at reasonable prices. Offers of help on the day, either with the stalls or with refreshments will be welcomed. Please let me know as soon as possible what help you are prepared to give. The Sale will be in St. Patrick's School, 24 Great Chapel Street (off Oxford Street) entrance in Hollen Street (two minutes walk from the office).

Noreen K. Carr

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## BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT FREIBURG

Members who assembled at Freiburg for the International Conference were given a most cordial reception by Dr. Bardenhewer, President of the German Section who spared no effort to make their stay both comfortable and memorable. They were housed in the Albertus Magnus Bourse (during the working year this is a hostel for male university students) where the charmingly gay Franciscan sisters catered most efficiently and delightfully for their needs.

The business meetings, attended by delegates from Australia, the Argentine, Belgium, France, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland and Great Britain, were held in the picturesque Rathaus on September 7th and 8th under the inspiring presidency of Madame Leroy-Boy. There were many messages from absent members and wellwishers, notably one from Mrs. Bruce, the new chief of the United Nations Status of Women Commission, expressing "sincere appreciation for the support and assistance given by St. Joan's International Alliance to the United Nations and especially to its work aimed at improving the status of women throughout the world."

The following vice-presidents attended: Madame Pesson-Depret (France), Dr. Schlüter-Hermkes (Germany), Mrs. Mackenzie Shattock (U.K.), Dr. Margaretha von Muller (Germany), and Miss F. A. Barry (U.K.).

Interesting reports from National Sections were received. The Hon. Secretary gave a detailed account of the work done during the year in connection with the United Nations. The programme for next year's work was outlined, particularly with the I.L.O. Representatives of the Alliance at the U.N., Mlle. Archinard in Geneva and Miss F. McGillicuddy in New York, were warmly thanked for their valuable work.

The President reported on the Conference of the International Catholic Organisations held in Brussels and on the Conference of *Informations*

*Catholiques Internationales*, held in St. Gall, at both of which she found much interest in the Alliance.

The Alliance's resolutions on equality were reaffirmed, and those concerning the Marriage Convention, Ritual Mutilations and Slavery were amended and brought up to date. A new resolution was passed requesting the appropriate authorities to allow women to follow courses in theology and qualify for a degree. Members were told of the facilities for training in this field which various countries afford. (For those that exist in France, Germany and Great Britain, see p. 70).

In view of the setting up by His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, of the Commission for the Revision of Canon Law, a working party was appointed to examine those Canons which refer to women, and report to the President of the Alliance.

The U.K. resolution, described by the mover, Dr. Shattock, as an act of faith and humility, reaffirms the Alliance's "loyalty and filial devotion and expresses its conviction that should the Church in her wisdom and her good time decide to extend to women the dignity of the priesthood, women would be willing and eager to respond."

The resolution was seconded by Madame Marthe Gouffé on behalf of the French delegation, and was passed after a full and frank discussion. (The text of all the resolutions will be found on page 66).

Madame Leroy-Boy was re-elected president with acclamation, as was Madame Marthe Gouffé the Hon. Treasurer. The retiring Hon. Secretary, Miss P. C. Challoner, was warmly thanked for her valuable work, and Miss E. D. Price welcomed as the new Hon. Secretary. The vice-presidents were re-elected, and two new vice-presidents, Miss Challoner and Miss McGillicuddy, were voted into office.

The next Council Meeting will be held in Antwerp on September 5th and 6th, 1964, and Mrs. Van Gorp's generous offer to make all the requisite arrangements was gratefully and enthusiastically accepted.

## D'ORLEANS à FREIBOURG

Freibourg im Brisgau . . . écho et senteurs de la Forêt Noire toute proche, nous a accueillies cette année pour notre Assemblée Annuelle, qui sera de l'opinion des fidèles participantes, une rencontre amicale comme toujours, un échange précis . . . un excellent Congrès.

Nous avons eu la joie cette année de voir participer à nos assises, des jeunes des très jeunes, dynamiques et fort intéressées par nos travaux. Et si les moins jeunes . . . (n'est-ce pas Miss Barry) pensent moins que jamais à la retraite, nous avons trouvé en cette présence une raison supplémentaire de continuer notre mission et notre action.

Chaque détail de notre séjour a été pensé par nos hôtes pour le rendre heureux et agréable; et si le soleil, comme dans tous les continents a été trop souvent absent, la chaleur de l'amitié avec laquelle nous avons été reçues compensait largement. Le soleil était intérieur, combien l'avons nous apprécié.

Freibourg est une ville agréable. Le "Rathaus" où se tenaient nos réunions se situe sur une charmante petite place à l'aspect provincial, le confort de la salle des séances, font cet ensemble prédisposai au travail le meilleur. L'ordre du jour très chargé nous a forcées à un travail très assidu, mais combien passionnant.

Les discussions ont été très largement ouvertes à chacune; les difficultés pesées par l'ensemble des majorités ou minorités; les décisions prises en toute conscience sous l'œil amical et vigilant de notre Présidente Internationale Madame LEROY, dont le rôle quelque-fois difficile a été unanimement apprécié.

Nous avons retrouvé avec joie près de la Secrétaire Générale Miss Challoner, "notre" Miss Barry, toujours attentive et apportant au débats les arguments décisifs et parfois, au bon moment, humoristes ou malicieux!

Nous ne saurions passer sous silence, les moments de détente agréable organisées par nos amies allemandes.

La veille de l'ouverture des travaux, un car et un téléphérique nous emmenaient au Schauinsland. Petit moment d'émotion physique en nous trouvant suspendues entre ciel et terre pendant un quart d'heure, et satisfaction à l'arrivée dans les nuages, sur un sommet débouchant en forêt.

Sous la pluie et dans la brume, les plus courageuses sont parties à la découverte des chemins et sentiers, pendant qu'une "table ronde" s'installait autour de Dr. Shattock, dans le seul refuge à la disposition du second groupe, égal au premier.

Mais nulle de ces moins courageuses regretté cet avant-congrès qui a été l'occasion de montrer à nos jeunes ce que représente, dans la diversité de ses membres, l'esprit de St. Joan's Alliance, lorsque ceux-ci ont le désir et le besoin de regarder au delà de "leur propre maison".

Mentionnons encore ce confortable et amical dé-

jeuner au Berg Hotel, toujours au dessus des nuages et de cette brume tenace que nous avons finalement appréciée, nous rangeant en ceci aux arguments charmants et délicats d'une déléguée française.

Retour dans la vallée, nous visitons ensuite la plus grande maison d'édition et d'impression, de Herder, non seulement de Freiburg mais peut-être du monde entier, puisque ses filiales sont nombreuses et disséminées en Europe et en Amérique.

Ici, nous avons pu toucher du doigt et comprendre ce que représente de peine, de soins, de détails importants le livre ordinaire ou enluminé que nous achetons en un instant et que nous lisons, pour le plaisir ou l'intérêt qu'il procure.

Reçues par la Direction et quelques collaborateurs, au cours d'une réception, nous avons été sensibles à la présence de Mme. Dorneich épouse du Directeur.

Non seulement nous avons emporté de cette visite la vision d'un métier que chacune ignorait, mais aussi une certitude qu'un ensemble aussi important (1.000 ouvriers ou ouvrières) peut garder malgré les techniques nouvelles un aspect très humain. Nous l'avons senti en parcourant les ateliers dans le vacarme des machines. Nous l'avons ressenti en écoutant le Directeur et ses collaborateurs nous parler de "leur maison".

Allons nous passer sous silence le dîner de réception du vendredi soir, son ambiance sympathique. Avons nous oublié la finesse et l'humour de Frau Dr. Bardenhewer qui nous adressait ses souhaits de bienvenue . . . ce serait nous priver de souvenirs heureux.

Au nom des participantes, Mme. Leroy répondit à ces paroles et souhaits et nous donna rendez vous pour le lendemain matin au Congrès.

Celui-ci c'est donc ouvert le samedi matin, par la Messe en commun, dans la petite chapelle d'Albertus Magnus Bourse, avec autant de ferveur que nous avions mis de cœur, la veille.

Ce furent ensuite deux jours studieux et passionnants. S'il nous faut revenir d'un mot, sur ceux-ci, nous dirons simplement, que la valeur et la précision des rapports ou des discussions et échanges, dans le respect de la conscience de chacune sont une certitude que l'Alliance Jeanne d'Arc est une nécessité de nos temps modernes et que nous avons le devoir d'en accentuer le Mouvement.

Il manquera à ce tour d'horizon, l'ambiance de la journée du lundi et de la grande sortie qui emmenait le Congrès vers Colmar, ville frontière française . . . c'est là le seul regret de la signataire de ces lignes, repartie au petit jour vers Paris.

Nul doute que cette dernière promenade en commun, après ces jours d'entente et de compréhension mutuelles, n'ait mis au cœur des participantes, le désir de se retrouver l'an prochain . . . à Anvers dans l'Amitié et la Joie.

Marthe Gouffé

## Training in Theology

### Facilities available to women

#### United Kingdom

##### Academic Courses

Opportunities for women to read for academic courses in Theology do not compare favourably with those obtaining in other countries or with those offered by Protestant or non-confessional bodies where equal opportunities are offered to men and women both for reading Theology and for holding of lectureships and chairs. But the situation in England with regard to Catholics does not arise solely from prejudice to women but from the fact that priests cannot be spared from pastoral work to apply for lectureships at the Universities. Hence, at present, no Catholic Faculties of Theology exist in England, Scotland or Wales, and in Ireland, where they do exist, non-ordinands are not admitted. The Hierarchy of the United Kingdom does not normally allow any Catholic to read Theology in a non-confessional faculty. However, two years ago a Conference of Catholic University Teachers persuaded the Hierarchy to grant permission to 'selected graduates' to do so and one woman took advantage of this but most people are precluded from taking a similar course as the State does not give financial help for a second undergraduate degree and the Catholic Education Council declines any help. The Hierarchy do not appear to have negotiated with any of the new Universities in England with a view to establishing a Catholic Faculty of Theology but among the priests and laity there is eager expectation; and the Catholic Societies in the Universities are offering many occasional lectures and discussions in theological subjects. The number of women, which greatly exceeds that of the men, attending occasional lectures and courses suggests that the Hierarchy would meet no lack of response were steps to be taken to provide a systematic academic course in Theology.

##### Vocational courses.

The only systematic course in Theology, apart from Catechetics, is a diploma in Theology organised from Cavendish Square, London, (Convent of the Holy Child). This is a correspondence course and the standard nearly attains to General Degree standard but it is not recognised by any secular educational authority. However, certain of the laity have recently approached Catholic authorities for:—

- Permission for both lay women and lay men to attend lectures at Senior seminaries and pass the qualifying examinations;
- facilities for lay people to read for licentiates in Theology. In this sphere the Dominican and Jesuit fathers have shown lively interest, but no

practical steps have been taken because licentiates are only granted to those who have attended prescribed lectures and, again, no financial help is available for the lay woman or man.

It is appreciated in England, Scotland and Wales that the bishops are burdened with immense financial problems with regard to the Schools but the fact remains that Religious Instruction is the only subject taught in schools where a specialist is neither required nor available, and many of the laity express their opinion in the press and elsewhere that, as a long term policy, it would greatly assist the schools and the parishes if the Hierarchy were to accept the responsibility of training such specialists. Recruitment would be most fruitful amongst women, who, as yet, can have no ministerial duties in the Church.

J. Massingberd Ford.

#### France

En France, la théologie n'est enseignée que dans les Instituts Catholiques\* et ceux-ci ne dépendent que de la Hiérarchie. A notre connaissance, les femmes ne sont pas admises aux examens, par conséquent aux grades.

L'exception est la Faculté de Théologie de Strasbourg qui par un concours historique, est Faculté d'Etat. Les femmes qui le désiraient pourraient y soutenir une thèse de théologie, mais elles sont rares; plusieurs licenciées sont sorties de Strasbourg; nous ignorons si quelqu'une a pu soutenir une thèse.

L'état actuel des choses et l'évolution des esprits ont amené les Instituts Catholiques à créer en marge de leurs facultés de théologie, des instituts catéchistiques ou des licences d'enseignement religieux. Ces sortes d'études sont largement ouvertes aux femmes, des diplômes, leur sont attribués.

En résumé, il semble que les diplômes de théologie proprement dits sont refusés aux femmes, sauf à Strasbourg. Seul l'enseignement religieux dont le sommet concerne la formation des catéchistes est à leur disposition.

G. Capelle.

\* La formation théologique des jeunes prêtres est assurée dans les séminaires indépendamment de ces instituts catholiques.

#### Germany

Twelve philosophical-theological academies are maintained wholly by the diocesan authorities, but women students are barred from them.

Seven of the eighteen German universities maintained by the State have a Catholic theological faculty, and in the course of the past thirty-five years, these have gradually opened their doors to

women students, but at many of these faculties however, women may not attend certain moral theological or pastoral-theological courses. Nevertheless, after a minimum period of nine or ten terms, they may sit for the same examination as the candidates for the priesthood, and obtain a "diploma". It was at the University of Munich in 1955 that women first achieved this distinction. Those who hold such diplomas are known as *Volltheologinnen* which literally translated means "fully qualified female theologians."

Today, doctorates in theology can be obtained by women as well as men at the Universities of Bonn, Freiburg, Münster and Würzburg. Even so, it is possible for a single professor to oppose their admission and the awarding of a doctorate to women.

Note that a "doctorate" in theology does not automatically qualify the candidate for a University Professorship or Readership. For this, a further academic degree "Habilitation" is required. There is a woman doctor of theology at present seeking this further qualification.

J. T. Münch

#### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Dr. Shattock in "The Catholic Citizen" 15th October, 1938

Fabiola, 331-420, followed the teachings of her friend, St. Jerome, and devoted her life to medical charities in Rome and the Holy Land. She was both a physician and a surgeon. St. Jerome speaks of her work in a letter to a friend and adds with excellent common sense: "The Gentiles take no account of the sex but of the degree of intelligence of the women." He then adds the names of fifteen other women who had studied medicine, and praises Fabiola's hospital as "the best of its kind." Her patients, he tells us, were collected from the gutters. St. Chrysostom of Antioch talks of the "manly women" (among whom his mother ranks high), who devote themselves to healing—*Saints and Medicine*.

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