

## DOROTHY BUSCHMANN, AN APPRECIATION

Dorothy Buschmann, in the words of St. Paul about himself, "has fought the good fight" (literally as well as figuratively)," has finished her course, has kept the faith."

Much has been said of her, through the spoken word of friend to friend, and through the Press, in acknowledgement and praise of her gallant spirit, throughout her entire lifetime - all too short - in the fight for the welfare of others who were in need of help. The extent of her activities was almost incredible. Not only in the care and education - both here and in Europe - of her three children was she outstanding; but in her interest in all that pertained to the young people of our day - including the G.I.'s so fortunate as to come within the scope of her ministrations.

Now that she has laid down her tired body which was only a shell, or a vehicle, for the activities of a courageous soul, her friends and admirers can only rejoice that she is free. In the words of the Psalmist: "God has delivered her soul in peace from the battle that was against her."

To my mind, Dorothy Buschmann typified the Crusader. Recently in reviewing the world situation at the time of the Great Crusades in Western Europe, I was a bit startled to note the marked similarity in conditions, at that time, to these of our own period; the unrest, the confusion in thought and action, the uncertainties as to the future, the vacillations in foreign policies, etc. But in spite of the mental and spiritual fog of a thousand years ago, leaders were developed who brought about, gradually, stabilization not only in public affairs but in the thought and condition of the common man. The change was wrought by men and women of fore-sight and courage of convictions.

So, in the 20th century, such leaders, as was Dorothy Buschmann, follow in the foot-steps of the Crusaders and their immediate descendants of long-ago - to give us and our generations hope for a brighter future. Her strong desire "to help" at all times, was paramount in her nature and in her becoming a moving

spirit in the many organizations of varied character, with which she was prominently identified. Possibly the ones for which she was best known to the general public were her connections; first with the Service Men's Center; and later with the "Little Red Door" of the Marion County Cancer Society.

Those of the Fortnightly who were so fortunate as to be present when, not so long ago, she gave us a paper on "The Little Red Door," will recall, with satisfaction, the thoroughness and deep understanding with which she presented the Cause so close to her heart.

Her management of the Service Men's Center, which she helped to establish during World War II, was outstanding. She so inspired interest and confidence that workers and the general public were loyal supporters of her leadership and assured the success of the Center, which was a boon to the Servicemen.

At the Memorial Service in Christ Church, on October 7, 1953, it was fitting that, instead of flowers, the casket was covered with a handsome cloth pall upon which was embroidered the Crusaders' Cross - emblematic of Dorothy Buschmann's service to humanity.

"Now the laborer's task is o'er;  
Now the battle-day is past;  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at last.  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

Amen

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