

RESEARCHES AND SEARCHES OF A LIBRARIAN

In the history of our Seminary the earliest name given to one formally charged with the care and preservation of printed matter was Charta Phylax, to transliterate the Greek title of the custodian of the early Society of Inquiry's periodical collection. It seems a rather self-consciously scholarly designation for the "keeper of the documents."

And yet perhaps the name Phylax was well-chosen. Thayer's Lexicon informs me that the word occurs in the New Testament only in the Acts of the Apostles, and it will be recalled that this recounts the early contacts of Christians with Gentiles. This circumstance adds propriety to our father's use of the term.

All English versions of the New Testament from Wyclif to and including King James render "phylax" as "keeper". (Cp. Acts 5:23; 12:6, 19.) The American Revised Version in the first instance has "keepers", and in the other two "guards". The Revised Standard Version in all cases has "sentries". The Vulgate in all cases has "custodes". All these words in any language infer that the Phylax is expected to exercise watchful care over what is considered valuable. It is interesting to note that the Revised Standard Version, at least one of whose translators was a Quaker, should employ the minatory term "sentry", since in common usage a sentry is not only watchful, but armed with lethal weapons.

So much for researches at the Librarian's desk. His searches extend far beyond that point. The particular object of this article is to plead for greater care and consideration in the use of the Periodical Room. The end of the year, closing another volume of most of our periodicals, points up this need. In my character as Phylax, ("keeper" for the sake of this succeeding generations of students) I try to bind and thus preserve the more important periodicals, and too often find the run broken by missing numbers. Since someone found these worth keeping it is probable that they contain material valuable beyond some of what is left behind.

There is in some quarters a light-hearted and light-fingered attitude toward library books and materials as belonging in the public domain, to abscond with which is a mere peccadillo, not just a prank. It is, of course, theft. When we have free literature to distribute gratis it will be so labelled.

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CLEAN-UP



During the past few months there have been a number of statements of dissatisfaction with the appearance of our dormitories. Anyone walking through the halls, using the facilities of the lounge and the bathrooms, or seeing the appearance of some of the student's rooms, can witness to this fact. In regard to using the lounge, it might be well to remember that the gym is at the other end of the hall. The opinion is not held only by a few falsely accused "axe-grinding" individuals, but also by our student janitors who have been doing their best and have received very little cooperation from the students. Also this situation is of major concern to the Facilities and Maintenance Commission.

Cleanliness is a habit, but the complacency of many of our students in this area does not speak well for our school. Many groups, especially youth groups, tour our campus. What kind of an impression do they get of their prospective spiritual leaders? In about a month we will have hosts to delegates of the Interseminary Movement Conference. I hope that our superiors will not have to be embarrassed by our thoughtlessness. Let us cooperate with our student janitors and be more careful in the future.

Ron Krick - Vice President, Society of Inquiry

BOOK STORE CO-OP NEWS

In one act by Hal Schoup

Startled Seminarian: "Do you mean to tell me that there are different editions of the E & R Hymnal published?"
Book Store Manager: "Certainly, that is exactly what I said. Come to the book store and take a look at them. They're beauts."
Filly Seminarian: "Where is the book store?"
Book Store Manager (with top blown): "Where is the book store! Haven't you lived? All stairways to the basement lead to the book store."
Adventurous Seminarian: "Isn't that where those horrible stray notes come from (the choir)?"
Empathizing Manager: "Gracious no, you have to go farther down for that. From the book store comes the music of antiquity, knowledge stamped on paper for posterity. The Everyman's Library Series for instance."
He Struck Seminarian: "Do you have the Everyman's Library Series?"
Cool Manager: "Well, yes and no. Some of them we have and some we don't. We only have the best."
Accumulating Seminarian: "Boy, do you have anything else?"
High Pressure Manager: "Sure, we have Latourette's History of Christianity; that's one book for the price of three. Then too we have Enslin's book and the greatest of all, a used copy of the Church and Christian Education by Vieth, and we have...."
Visiously Impressed Seminarian: "Wait right here while I get my check book."
Cooling Manager: "Another sale!"

THE END



SPORTS

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After a loss and a slow start Seminary #1 got back on the winning side in the F & M intramural league. Deacon's boys lost to City #1, 41 to 52. They then defeated County #1, 56 to 35, and City #4, 52 to 31. Deacon still believes that he's found a winning combination and the team still has a good chance to capture the independent title. Go to it fellows.

What many people thought was impossible has happened! The Rinky-dinks (Seminary #2) won their first game in two seasons. They beat Beyran 40-37 in a very close and exciting game. Perhaps this combination can help Seminary #1 take the championship. No games will be played until February 3 because of exams at F & M. Feel free to use the gym to keep in shape. Let's score!

The bowling league has stirred up much excitement. Point standings have been changing least expected. As of the 19th - with 3/5 of the season gone these are the standings:

Faculty	9-3	3rd Floor	7-5	(Individual and team high scores were
2nd Floor	8-4	330	5-7	not available at this printing. See
Out-of-Dorm	7-5	1st Floor	0-12	the Dorm bulletin board and the next
				issue of the SEMINARIAN.)

Dart-baseball team plays host to Mountville, January 30. See B. Board for time. Get those ping-pong games played. We must form a team to represent the Seminary.

Thanks for your support.....See you at the game. Jim (300 game) Bright

THE INTERSEMINARY CONFERENCE

The Middle Atlantic Regional Interseminary Conference will be held here on the Lancaster Campus on March 8, 9, and 10, 1956. In case you have not already heard, this means that classes end on the 8th -- and also the term. We as the host Seminary need to point toward making our visitors at home, and of course this includes the responsibility which each commission should take upon itself, i.e. facilities and maintenance, outreach, social life, etc.

You will be approached individually at a later time about the matter of housing these guests from the Middle Atlantic Region. Never-the-less the people responsible for making the necessary arrangements would like to urge you to feel especially generous in offering us the use of your room and bed during these three days of vacation, and your services in getting the necessary chores done.

The theme of the Conference is Evangelism: The Gospel Meets the World. On March 9 in the morning, Reverend Theodore O. Wedell, Warden of the College of Preachers of the Washington Cathedral, will address the Conference on The Gospel. He will answer the question, "What, as a committed Biblical Christian, do I have to communicate to men in today's world?"

The afternoon of March 9, Dr. George Kelsey, Professor of Social Ethics and Social Anthropology at Drew Theological Seminary, will speak on The World. He will reply to, "What are the elements and forces of today's world which affect the men and communication?"

Then on Saturday morning, March 10, Dr. Charles B. Templeton of the Division of Evangelism and the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. will speak to the third phase of the theme on The Meeting, or, as previously proposed in question form, How, practically and concretely, may the message be communicated to these men with relevance and without distortion?"

If past conferences prove to be any measuring stick at all, this one should lend itself to periods of exciting lecture and surprisingly power-packed discussion periods. We would like to be able to interest all of the student body in staying here for the conference but this could be a physical impossibility as far as dorm space and dining hall facilities are concerned. We do hope that all those who can take an active part in this opportunity will do so. We think you will gain immeasurably from the experience. We have.

Jim Cress, representing the Interseminary Committee



ANOTHER NEW FEATURE !!!

Do you need a babysitter?

Do you need a date?

If you find yourself in one of these groups worry no longer. The Stats, Turek, Ely babysitting and date arrangement service is now located here on our campus.

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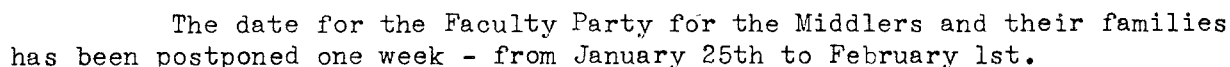
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NOTE

Users of Church and Home and other Church School materials please note the suggestions of borrower's slips posted by the Librarian in the alcove where the materials are kept.

P.T.S.

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES



The time has come for the preparation of a new Catalogue-Year Book. The three classes are represented on the committee in charge by Fred Irwin, Editor (Middler), Barry Kern, Assistant Editor (Junior) and Charles Williman, 1955 Editor (Senior). Professor Gable and Dean Dunn represent the Faculty. Suggestions for changes or additions to the last catalogue-year book, may be made to any member of the committee.

Dr. Gable has announced the accreditation of our school by the American Association of Schools of Religious Education. (We already had accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools.) He has been appointed a member of the Accreditation Committee.

We wish to thank Al Brinker and Hal Henning for their part in giving us the opportunity viewing the film, "Martin Luther" on Thursday evening, January 19.

Copies of "Growing Old Gracefully", a 43 page autobiographical brochure by Rev. R. mond Jones, D.D. have reached the library and the dean's office. Dr. Jones graduated from our inary in 1897 and has spent 59 years in seven successive rural charges. At the age of 92 he still serving as stated supply the Carlisle Rural Charge in Mercersburg Synod and lives "over mountain" in Landisburg. An article from his pen, pleading for a more adequate creed and echism recently appeared in the MESSENGER.

The booklet was published by the joint consistory of his present charge and is available for 75¢ plus 10¢ for postage.

Another reminder of a thesis deadline for prospective graduates; due Monday, January complete outline of essay type thesis and complete work plan for statistical survey type.

Also, Seniors! Questionnaires -- two copies -- for Dr. Wagner's office - due in dean's
ice by February 1.

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THE NEW FEATURE:

YOUR ROVING REPORTER

Ron Whitebred

You have no doubt seen, from one time to another, columns similar to this in other newspapers from coast to coast. The right to hold an opinion, the right to take a firm stand in regard to some controversial issue, is an important and precious American heritage. This column will strive to act as a sounding board for Seminary family opinion in regard to various topics. For this initial issue, the topic chosen was, "WHO IS YOUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, 1956-1960?"

Studer, Senior:

"I would like to see Eisenhower back in the White House until 1960, health permitting. His excellent record in the past has shown him to be a capable leader and a willing servant of the people."

Larry Fisher, Middler:

"Stevenson is my choice. Although I am an ardent Republican and I admire the Eisenhower administration, I feel that Stevenson's approach to United State's International Relations, Farm Problems and Domestic Issues is superior to any now proposed."

N. Paden, Junior:

"Since I believe that President Eisenhower is doing such a fine job it seems to me that he is the most able man for President of the United States for 1956-1960, health permitting."

Lamm, Senior:

"Governor G. Mennen Williams (Michigan), one of the true liberals of the day, is my choice."

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"The leader of either party, Eisenhower or Stevenson, would doubtlessly supply our nation with competent leadership. If it would not be injurious to his health, however, I should like to see Eisenhower as our President in 1956."

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llan R. Rohrbaugh, Junior:
"Nixon is my man. His capable leadership and striking personality convince me that he can overcome all opposition from either party."

Bill Harner, Senior:
"Eisenhower! He can run on the record of his administration...and will win, health permitting!"

John Stoudt, Middler:
"I am a Republican and proud of it! This fact reflects my obvious choice - Ike for '56!"

Merle U. Fox, Junior:
"Although I believe that Eisenhower is trying very hard to secure world peace, and to create good international relations, I believe that he should not run in 1956. I think that Estes Kefauver will perhaps do just as good a job as Eisenhower, as his work in the political field heretofore has shown."

Box Score: Eisenhower - 5; Stevenson - 1; Williams - 1; Nixon - 1; Kefauver - 1. It seems that resident Eisenhower leads the poll at the present time. To doubt that he has a striking personality and a vote-getting smile would be pure fance; however, his state of health seems to be the major factor in the forthcoming Presidential Campaign.

THINKING OUT LOUD

The only reason most American families don't own an elephant is because they have never been offered one - for a dollar down and a dollar a week.



Final preparations are being made for the Choir Concert season. The Seminary Choir consists of thirty-seven voices under the direction of Mr. Frank McConnell, F.A.G.O. The officers for the school year are as follows: Jim Cress, Manager; John Stoudt, Assistant Manager; Barry Kern, Secretary. Following is the schedule of the Tuesday Night Concerts and the Annual Tour:

February 7 - St. John's, Lansdale,	Rev. Harold E. Ditzler
February 14 - Zwingli, East Berlin,	Rev. Robert Rezash
February 21 - Locust Grove, Hellam	Rev. Victor Vogel, Jr.
February 28 - Christ, Leck Kill	Rev. John Yarborough
April 3 - Pennsburg Charge, Pennsburg	Rev. Willard Wetzel
April 10 - Red Lion (tentative)	
April 17 - Salem, Allentown	Rev. Dr. Zweizig

Choir Tour

March 11 - First E & R Church, Carlisle, Pa.	Rev. Robert Roschy
Men's League of Morrison Cove	Rev. Joseph Hennessey
Roaring Springs, Pa.	
March 12 - Zion, North Canton	Rev. Melvin E. Beck
March 13 - Heidelberg College, Tiffin	Professor Ferris Ohl
Trinity, Tiffin	Mr. Robert Reiff
March 14 - St. John's, Evans City, Pa.	Rev. Herman Naftzinger
March 15 - First E & R Church, Greensburg, Pa.	Rev. Russell C. Eroh
March 16 - Trinity, Waynesboro (tentative)	

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Leonards on the arrival of their baby. We wish her and the parents best wishes for a happy and blessed life.

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES

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One should hope - and I believe - that this attitude is not found in our student body. I am afraid that some students are very careless in this matter, and when I come to the end of the year and wish to bind a volume, it makes little practical difference whether the students are crooked or just careless - the missing items are still missing; the future students will still be deprived of them.

Moreover, the issues are generally missing in a final sense because I have no trace of them. Two separate signs in the Periodical Room remind you to sign out a slip for every periodical borrowed. We want you to use them; we just want you also to return them, and give us a record of your borrowing.

Be not a "keeper" in the wrong sense; be, with me, a guard, a sentry. Thus shall all our treasures be both used and preserved for others to use. Thus shall your record both with me and with the Recording Angel ("not confusing the persons", as the Athanasian Creed says), be clear and clean. Thus shall all our holdings be as safe as THE PERSONALIST and THE PHILOSOPHICAL REVIEW - no one has ever lifted any of those.

A Happier New Year next year!

Dr. Paul T. Stonesifer -

HOW TRUE!

Many of the members of the Senior Class have asked for copies of the article which I wrote about the pleasure of sharing with them at the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund banquet. Feeling that it might be of interest to some other members of the Seminary family, I've asked the SEMINARIAN to re-print it.

YOUR PASTOR AND MINE

If he is young he lacks experience; if his hair is gray he is too old.
If he has five or six children he has too many; if he has none he is setting a bad example.
If his wife sings in the choir she is being too forward; if she does not she is not interested in her husband's work.
If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry; if he is extemporaneous he is not deep.
If he is attentive to the poor he is playing to the grandstand; if to the wealthy he is trying to be an aristocrat.
If he suggests improvements for the church he is a dictator; if he makes no suggestions he is a fugurehead.
If he uses too many illustrations he neglects the Bible; if not enough he is not clear.
If he condemns wrong he is cranky; if he does not he is a compromiser.
If he preaches an hour he is windy; and if less he is lazy.
If he preaches the truth he is offensive; if not he is a hypocrite.
If he fails to please everybody he is hurting the church; if he does please everybody he has no convictions.
If he preaches tithing he is a money grabber; if he does not he is failing to develop his people.
If he receives a large salary he is mercenary; if a small one it proves he is not worth much.
If he preaches all the time the people get tired of hearing one man; if he invites guest speakers he is shirking responsibility.
If they say the preacher has an easy time!

Robert D. Barroll -

CRYPTOGRAM

Some of the new features which will appear regularly in future issues of the SEMINARIAN. The answer will be printed next issue. This cryptogram is a well-known biblical quotation.)

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