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BECAUSE

HE ROSE

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What is this mysterious,
 strange,
 joyous influence which seems to
permeate everything at this time of year...
which lingers - like a sweet perfume,
 delicate and clean -
to touch us all with its magic?

We have different ways of expressing it.
Some of us don new clothes with brighter colors...
and surely there is nothing wrong in that?

Do not the trees the same?
They deck with green lace the branches that were bleak,
 bare and ugly...
that looked like black, bony fingers stripped of their
jewels in the sleets and ice of winter...
and they slip on these quickened branches the bright,
flashing gems of blossom.

Others send beautiful cards with appropriate messages
to those whom they love - because it is Easter.

Others make gifts.
Some are so touched with gratitude at this time that
they love to remember the sick.
They bring Easter lilies into the sickroom, so that
trumpets of wax may sound triumphant music, to give
courage and hope to the explorers of pain.

Think ye, then, that behind all of this is only a
 myth?

There is no myth that has such testimony as this,
There is no myth to which all Nature gives witness -
 throughout the world.

Nature herself seems to be doing her best to make the
fact known.
She is bursting forth in a flaming testimony of sheer
glory to His victory.

Every day is more glorious than the one before it,
 as Nature rises to a crescendo of revelation.

Even if men are dead to the fact of the victory over
Death, Nature is certainly aware of it.

Because He rose again, springtime itself seems fraught
with an utterly new and more eloquent glory.
The trees,
 the plants,
 the humblest weeds of the roadside,
yes, the very earth itself, all these cannot hold
 their peace.

And if men will not sing praises of
ecstasy in acknowledgment of the fact,
the throats of a million birds will, a
they say burst forth in choruses of
 sheer joy.

Is there anything incongruous in
believing that He who one day walked up
to a funeral cortege coming out of the
city of Nain...

 stopped it in the street...
and brought back from death a widow's
son, should bring Himself back?

If He brought others out of the tomb,
He surely knew the way out...

When Jesus of Nazareth was walking with
men up and down the
dusty highways of Palestine,
it was awfully difficult to have a
successful funeral.

He broke up every one He ever attended,
and His final triumph
we celebrate every Lord's Day.

There is, therefore, no incongruity in
believing that He emerged from the tomb
leaving behind Him the graveclothes
and the napkin that had bound His
 cold head,
for souvenirs of the greatest victory
the world has ever known.

And He who Himself rose from the dead..
can also raise us, even as He has
promised.

We know more gloriously than ever...
 with a surer certainty...
 and a deeper joy...
that Jesus meant it when He said,
 time after time,
"I will raise him up at the last day."

Here is someone who knows what He is
talking about.

Here is One speaking with authority.
He has done it for others already...
He did it for Himself...
He has done it...
He can do it again.

Because He rose, we who believe in him
shall also rise.

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SOCIETY OF INQUIRY

This evening at 7:00 the Vital Issues Commission of the Society of Inquiry has the pleasure of presenting Roger Matter our ecumenical student from Alsace. Roger will discuss with us the relation of Protestantism to Catholicism in France today. He will have particular comments on the new movement among the Roman Catholic priests. This movement is known as the Worker-priest movement. It is a movement in which the priests work in industry with the people to whom they are spiritual administrators. This gives the priests a clearer insight into the problems of the people they are attempting to serve. A question period will follow the talk.

The Society of Inquiry will hold a brief but important business meeting before the evening program. At this meeting the slate for the coming election will be officially presented. Also at this time the president will entertain nominations from the floor for the offices to be filled. Hal Lamm, Society President, urges all to attend this very important meeting. It is your society, attend the meetings.

J. Aregood -

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Welcome to Rev. John C. Raezer, pastor of St. Andrew's Church who brings us the last in the series of Lenten messages at our assembly today.

The Easter recess will begin at 12:10 Wednesday morning, March 28, and continue through Easter Monday, April 2.

We welcome Dr. William R. Shaffer, minister of Faith Church, Philadelphia who is with us again as guest professor, giving the senior elective, Course #60, "A Parish Program of Evangelism". This week, Wednesday, March 28, he will meet this class during the double period, 10:20 to 12:15, scheduled for Dr. Gable's Course #82.

Seniors and Middlers should note that Monday April 16 is deadline date on two fronts:
Seniors: For submitting of complete text of B.D. thesis to the responsible professor and of senior sermons to president's office;
Seniors and Middlers: For turning in essays and sermons for the Schaff, Dietz, Spessard and Sacred Rhetoric Prizes. For further information on these see page 37 of the catalogue and the notice on the Bulletin Board #1.

Our local committee of arrangements for the Interseminary Conference, Messrs. Cress, Koch and Stoudt, and their helpers, deserve applause for the way in which they handled the situation and our guests. The addresses in Santee Chapel by Drs. Toombs, Wedel, Kelsey and Templeton were of a high order.

Students will please remember that:

- 1) any changes in course registration must be made before the Easter recess;
- 2) all work in winter term courses must be "in" on or before Friday, April 13, or credit for the course will be forfeited.

Wendela Maria van Lynden of Utrecht, the Netherlands, a graduate of the University of Utrecht and a member of the Reformed Church in Holland, has been commended to us as our "Foreign Student" next year by the World Council of Churches' Scholarship Committee. President Lamm of the Society of Inquiry, President Koch of the Middle Class and the Faculty have reviewed the file of the documents and join in accepting this designation.

Grades for Winter Term Courses will be distributed to the students through their counselors, beginning Tuesday, March 27. (See list on Bulletin Board #1) The interpretation of the grades is given on page 6 of this year's Hand-Book.

BOOK STORE NEWS

An important announcement to all Book Store Stockholders: The annual meeting of the co-operative will be held on April 9. The purpose of this meeting is to have a report on the progress of the Book Store and to reorganize for the coming school year, 1956-57. Both the manager and the Executive committee representatives from the Junior and Middle Classes will be elected at this meeting. Much is at stake and all members will want to attend and participate.

As you know by now, we have completed another very successful term with a dividend percentage of 30.43. This has been the result of continuous cooperation from the student body and improvements made within the operation of the Book Store. I was especially pleased by the

SEMINARY SPORTS

At the time that this article went to press, Seminary #1 basketball team is tied with two teams for 1st place in the F & M Intramural league. As it looks our 1st team will go into the play-offs next week for the Independent League championship. We're pulling for you, fellows.

After two successive drubbings Seminary #2 basketball team played good ball and won its 2nd game of the year by defeating City #2, 36-30.

In the next issue I'll give a complete summary of the basketball season.

The seminary ping-pong tournament will begin after Easter recess. This will be a single elimination tournament.

Rev. Bob Rezash's 11th inning home run clinched the third game and gave East Berlin two out of three games in Dart Baseball last Monday night. Despite the absence of the Seniors, our Dart Baseball team won three games from Mountville on Thursday night. Both teams has a grand time. We play a return match at Mountville on April 4th.

Softball will begin in the middle of April. The definite starting date will depend upon the basketball playoffs. We don't have much time fellows. Get out in that sun and loosen up the arm. We should do well in the league.

The bridge tournament will soon resume its schedule. It's still not too late to sign up for the tournament.

Thanks to all who are taking part in the Athletic Commission's program. The response has been good. It's also good to see and hear many of you cheer the boys on to victory. Let's have some more. See you at the game,

Jim (blister-bottom) Bright

THE CHOIR TOUR

At 8:15 on the morning of March 11, the choir embarked on its annual tour. The first stop was at First Church in Carlisle on Sunday morning. After a fine dinner, the next leg of the journey was completed as the choir arrived in Roaring Spring in time for an excellent dinner and a 7:30 concert in the high school. Dr. Meck was present during our stay in Roaring Spring (only one spring, if you please).

Monday evening's concert was in Zion's of North Canton, Ohio. Members of the party were impressed by the beauty of the church. J.G. got a letter. The next morning, a bright and early start (6:15) was necessary in order to arrive in Tiffin in time for a concert at Heidelberg at 10:00. Having the afternoon off, members of the choir toured the campus; many went to hear the Heidelberg Concert Choir sing in a local high school. In the evening there was a concert in Trinity Church, Tiffin, (Bob Reiff). J.G. got a letter.

Wednesday morning, the departure from Tiffin was accompanied by a snowstorm which slowed travel somewhat. The concert that evening was in St. John's church, Evans City. J.G. got a letter. Thursday was an easy day. The trip to Greensburg took just over an hour, and the afternoon was free for bowling, movies, and sleeping. The concert that night was in First Church. J.G. got a letter.

Friday brought another snowstorm, as the choir visited Mercersburg on the way to Waynesboro. Again, the party agreed that Trinity church possesses a rare beauty and remarkable facilities. The trip to Lancaster followed the concert. Arrival time was about midnight. It is rumored that J.G. got a letter.

The spirits of the group held up well despite long periods of confinement in the bus. Smitty, the driver, proved to be a popular member of the family. At various places on the tour, it was noted, where two or three (girls) were gathered together, Roger was in the midst of them. A vote of thanks is earned by Jim Cress for the excellent manner in which he planned the tour and kept things running smoothly. Dr. Sayres and his wife made excellent travelling companions. To Frank McConnell goes a special word of praise for his inspiring leadership and amazing patience in working with the choir. The male and female quartets, the brass quartet, and the choir as a whole deserve a great deal of credit for a job well done.

Next Tuesday, April 3 - concert at Pennsburg, Pa. Choir leaves at 3:30. Performance is at 7:30.

-Posey

(Book Store, Cont)

way my announcement that devidends would be delayed was accepted. The delay was caused by insufficient liquid cash assets at the time to pay the dividends. Let me assure you however, that this in no way jeopardizes the soluability of the Book Store. The Book Store was, is, and will remain financially solvent. We must decide between two alternatives: 1) to delay dis-tribution of dividends so that we can stock books at the very beginning of a new term, or, 2) to distribute dividends immediately and wait from two to three weeks after the beginning of the new term for our text books. I feel sure most of us prefer to wait a few extra days for our dividends in order taht we might have our textbooks the first few weeks of a new term.

A reminder to all students, especially Seniors: because this is the last term of the year it will be necessary to establish deadlines for ordering items. This will make an already short term shorter. Do not delay ordering special items you may have in mind.

- Hal Schoup, Mgr.

ROVING REPORTER

One way of letting off a little steam is simply to tell someone else what it is that bothers you most. That leads us to the Roving Reporter's inquiry for this issue: "WHAT IS YOUR PET GRIPE?"

ART ROBERTS, Senior:

"I think my pet-peeve would be about the parking facilities here. It seems to me that there should be a larger parking area in view of the increased number of cars in the Seminary family. The cause for this increase, of course, is mainly due to field work as well as preaching assignments."

JIM TUREK, Junior:

"To me, the greatest lack (and one which has influenced me detrementally) is the lack in the spiritual life of Seminary students. Sometimes I catch myself thinking, 'These are going to be Ministers?' and then find myself doing the exact same things everyone else does. It's catching!"

ROGER MATTER, Special:

"My pet gripe would take the form of an objection to having sweet and sour food on the main dish together. A Frenchman would have a "sweet" only for dessert."

BRUCE WICKKISSER, Junior:

"To put it mildly, I'm getting hungry! My reason for being hungry is that I no longer have an appetite for the cyclic menu which is being served. Between roast-beef, pork and ham(?), I haven't any choice - can't they prepare this food in a different manner? And from living on a farm, I know that there are more vegetables than peas, corn and beans ! Desserts - I wonder if the Seminary has stock in the Pennsupreme Dairy?"

RODNEY HENRIE, Middler:

"My pet gripe is the fact that the competitive spirit seems to be as prevalent in the Seminary family as it is on the outside. The cooperative spirit is present, however, but not to the extent that I feel that my classmates and I are real brothers. A richer spirit of fellow-ship is what I'd like to see."

MERLE U. FOX, Junior:

"I'd like to see some system worked out whereby 'Mom' knew exactly how many people she must prepare meals for, and also a method of accounting for guests."

PAUL CURVEY, Middler:

"My unbiased pet gripe is that there aren't more high-churchmen in Seminary."

WALT LONG, Middler:

"As editor of the Seminarian I have but one gripe: the students' disregard of the established deadline for articles to be used,"

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted, but now it happens to everybody."

Harry Liederkrantz -

here lies before us the thrilling, exciting
prospect of life without end, going on and on,
into all the eternities...a life of joy and
peace...
of freedom from sin and bondage of all kinds,
release from pain and suffering...
from tears, sorrow and heartache...
from disappointment and all bitterness.

Because He rose from the dead, we need have no
fear about our tomorrows - whatever they may hold.

"Be not afraid," He said, "only believe."
He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet
shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth
in Me shall never die."

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were
not so, I would have told you."

If there were anything behind the curtain that
should terrify you...
frighten you...
alarm you or cause you fear...
would have told you.

But I have been there.
Now, I return to tell you all is well.
I have overcome the world.
Therefore, fear not, for I am with thee,
even unto the end of the ages."

Man has always dreaded the unknown.
He has been afraid of the dark tomorrow that lies
behind the thick sable folds of the curtain that
hangs between
this stage of our life and the next.

But now that Christ has risen from the dead, we
need have no fear who trust in Him.
Whatever terrors it hid...
He has vanquished them in utter rout and defeat.

"Be not afraid...only believe."
His calm, confident, reassuring voice speaks to
us this Easter day.

Because He rose from the dead, we may be
sure that there
is no case too difficult for Him to deal
with.

Because He rose from the dead, we may walk
with Him,
and talk with Him,
and feel His hand on ours,
and know that the King is in the audience.

We are not trying to have communion with a
mummy...
There is no bandaged corpse for us to
worship.
It would be difficult for us to derive much
comfort
or strength or inspiration...
or new life or hope...
from an embalmed mummy standing stiffly in
our midst.

But there is, mysteriously, mightily,
moving among us
Him whom they nailed to a tree...speaking
to one here and another there...guiding,
comforting, whispering, forgiving, calling,
strengthening, healing, saving.

You may hear the rustling of His robes as
He comes to you...
or feel the touch of His hand on yours...
or hear His whispering voice running round
the whispering gallery of your own soul.

That is why you are glad this morning.
That is why you feel so strangely elated...
that is why your heart is lighter
and your hope brighter.

It is because He rose from the dead...
and He says to you:
"Because I live, ye shall live also."

Believest thou this?
Happy Easter!

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A REMINDER

Keep Wednesday, April 25, in the evening, open, for it is the day of the famous
IDDLER BANQUET. If you want to witness a revelation of true personalities come and observe
our friends during the bidding of the auction. Hopalong Cassidy would be ashamed.