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Despite the efforts of the faculty and interested students, the situation concerning the books on the reserve shelves has not improved. Books are being taken from the shelves with no slips left to indicate where they are. In fact, books are disappearing completely, never to be located again. Such a situation certainly is not a commendable one and it poses some very serious implications for students, especially in a theological seminary.

Very few institutions allow such freedom in the use of library books as does the Seminary. Our library operates solely upon an honor system, and this is all the more reason why the privilege should not be misused. In particular, reserve books should not leave the campus for days at a time, completely out of reach of the majority of students. Books taken from the shelves should be accessible to other students who may have need of them. But more than that, each student is under a moral obligation to sign for every book that is taken out. Library books are not intended for the enlargement of a student's collection.

In short, the spirit of co-operation must be our guide to the use of library books, especially those placed on the reserve shelf. They are not placed there for the benefit of one or two students, but are put on the shelves so that all may share equally in their use. Continued misuse of the reserve books destroys completely the spirit of co-operation upon which the honor system of the library is based. There are but two alternatives: either we use the library books correctly, keeping in mind the welfare of others who use the same books, or more stringent rules and regulations will have to be adopted and enforced.

The use of the library and the borrowing of books is a privilege not an irrevocable right of a Seminary student. This privilege involves trust and honor, and when it is misused it must be withdrawn. If we who proclaim the Christian Gospel cannot govern ourselves without strict rules and regulations, how can we bring to others the hope and example of the visible Kingdom of Heaven on earth? The responsibility lies with all of us, working together co-operatively and keeping in mind the common welfare. When we gain that higher ideal which shall outweigh our own petty desires and wishes, the problem will be solved.

Grant Harrily,
Editor

BASKETBALL - Ken McCrea

The Seminary basketball team is now tied with Hartman #2 and Hartman #3 for first place in the Independent League at F & M. The record to date is five wins and one loss;

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| Seminary | 2 | City #1 | 0 | (forfeit) |
| Seminary | 2 | East Hall | 0 | " |
| Seminary | 45 | City #3 | 43 | |
| Hartman #2 | 37 | Seminary | 25 | |
| Seminary | 2 | Meyran | 0 | " |
| Seminary | 61 | County | 40 | |

Three games remain to be played in the league: City#2, Feb. 26, 4:00; Hartman #3, Mar. 4, 6:30; and Hartman #1, Mar. 11, 4:00. These remaining games should prove to be interesting because victories in them would assure the Seminary of at least a tie for first place. Such a tie would be played off, and then the winner would tackle the Fraternity League leaders for the championship. Outside the Independent league, the Seminary has lost two games to Crispus Attucks by the scores 47-46 and 51-48.

The individual scoring honors are as follows: *

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| Dunn | 47 |
| Settlemyre | 40 |
| Turner | 28 |
| Hawk | 23 |
| Abernethy | 14 |
| Cheek | 9 |
| Mortland | 7 |
| Scheirer | 6 |
| Devanni | 3 |
| Harrity | 2 |
| Tillett | 2 |

* The individual scores are approximate.

WHY AN INTERSEMINARY MOVEMENT?

E. Hawk

A few years ago a group of seminarians representing several theological schools in America decided that the cause of the world-wide church of Christ would be greatly advanced by the united effort of all seminarians. They revised and reorganized the seventy-year old Interseminary Movement. The result is the present Movement, which is furthering the ecumenical cause. Most of us look with favor upon the aims and accomplishments of the Interseminary Movement. We know that our Seminary officially recognizes its value and is an active participant in its activities.

All this is fine and commendable. But while it is a great movement, linking together more than a hundred theological schools and seminaries of various denominations, it is not without value for the individual students of those seminaries. Because of our interest, we here at Lancaster are as much a part of the Interseminary Movement as are the members of any other seminary. To us it speaks of the very urgent need for a universal union of hearts and souls in Christ. The springboard for our effort in this direction is the local parish which the Movement maintains, and that is where you and I come in. The Interseminary Movement emphasizes a triangle of concern: the disorder man has wrought in the world; God's design, future as well as present and past; and the resultant challenge to the minister.

This third point, viewed in the light of our conclusions on the first two, imports to the whole Movement a strikingly personal note to the minister and the seminarian. The Movement seeks to bring the ideal of universal harmony and cooperation in the Church of Christ into focus for the local pastor and congregation, that each parish may recognize its rightful place in the body of Christ and its responsibility to that body. The foremost theologians of our time are willingly contributing their wealth of inspiration, understanding and insight to the efforts of the Movement. Their active interest is an indication of the importance of the work the Interseminary Movement is doing. It is our privilege as ambassadors of the Church to draw upon the experience of these men in meeting the most pressing challenge confronting Christians today -- the challenge of a united Christian effort.

The Philadelphia Area Interseminary Conference will be held at the Temple University School of Theology on Friday, March 5, 1948. The all-day meeting will feature lectures and discussion groups, led by prominent Christian leaders. For further information concerning the conference, contact Ed. Tallis or Ernie Hawk. Let's have a good delegation from Lancaster Seminary.

WHY A W.S.S.F. PROGRAM?

H. Clayton Moyer, Jr.

A pile of crumbled stone, in many foreign countries, marks the spot where a university library or lecture hall used to stand. Tomorrow's leaders in the fields of science, philosophy, fine arts, religion and statesmanship stand in long lines, waiting their turn for admittance into a class room or a student cafeteria. A limited supply of text books, classrooms, professors, and food is not conducive to academic study. For the students in Europe and the Far East, this is war long after war is done.

During the past eleven years the World Student Service Fund has been attempting to meet, in part, the needs of students in the war torn countries. There is no need to present a high pressure sales talk on why we should contribute. The reasons are obvious why our participation in this great cause comes under the heading of a privilege. An appreciation for our help may be seen in the history of tomorrow.

During this Lenten season we have the opportunity of giving to those with whom we share so many common interests. The W.S.S.F is a non denominational enterprise. Our gifts are distributed among those students in need, regardless of their race, color, or creed. This distinguishes the W.S.S.F from the World Student Christian Federation to which our Lenten Offerings in chapel go.

We ask each member of the faculty and student body to submit one check which he received for a preaching assignment, after expenses have been deducted. Through generous giving let us prove to the needy students the world over that the Lancaster Theological Seminary has not forgotten them.

SEMINARY NEWS

1. The Seminary Choir Concert is being scheduled for the weekend of April 9-11th. Concerts will be given in Cumberland, Hagerstown, Martinsburg and Frederick as well as in other points not yet determined.
2. Don't forget to give any old clothes or other needed articles (money included) to those who are collecting for Japanese Christian ministers.
3. Tallis' car is broken down.

HOW THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL
TURNUED OUT

Earl Marks and John Martin

In this article, we propose to give several impressions that the Seminary made on two Dutchmen when they came to Lancaster with certain preconceptions of what a graduate school in theology should be like. Some of these expectations were fulfilled, but in others we found that we were entirely mistaken.

In one of our first chapel services we heard from the lips of our esteemed president that he considered to be the proper way in which theologs should conduct themselves in order that they might become "great preachers". Well, we had a somewhat similar conception, but we fail to see much of it practiced here in our halls.

We felt that theological students and professors were an eager group of "seekers after the truth" and at times might be quick to fish for it, but never did we think they would come up with a Whale.

We are very proud of our outstanding faculty, whether the "outstanding" features be scholastic or physical. As rural Dutchmen, we appreciate our "fresh air professor". Also, very few schools can boast of a D.D. from West Point with a major in machine-gunning. It did not take long for us to learn that in order to get along in the Old Testament department one must be willing to laugh at "corny" jokes and puns.

By and large the Seminary provides good accommodations. We are proud of the recently renovated administration building and library, and greatly appreciate the beautiful chapel, which provides an excellent atmosphere for daily meditation. Our dormitory is not the most beautiful building we ever saw, but it really is not bad. We find the meals quite good; in fact, we used to consider ice cream a luxury, but in our high-toned refectory, it appears as often as do beans.

It is true that our recreational facilities are rather limited. With the exception of one ping-pong table and a well-furnished weight lifting outfit in room 207, our physical recreational setup is rather poor, unless one is a star basketball player such as Dr. Englert uses on his team. We hope that this condition will be improved, however, when the dormitory is renovated next summer.

Probably the most shocking fact about life among the Seminar-ians is the lack of an adequate devotional life. For some reason or another, we had the false idea that living together on a seminary campus would enable us to develop the highest possible level of spiritual life. Certainly, each one living here and participating the Christian ministry, if he is sincere about his profession, will desire to worship with his fellow men in Santee Chapel and Vesper Chapel each day.

We cannot conclude without mentioning the excellent and friendly family spirit which is very prevalent among the students and faculty members. Certainly, in this respect, the Seminary is

as doing a fine job in practicing the attitude of our Master as He Himself lived and worked with His disciples by Galilee.

AS I SEE IT..... Francis E. Ringer

The Seminary has now taken a decided forward step in harmony with the times in which we live. Recently the Corporation unanimously voted to provide quarters for married Seminarians, thus launching upon a new experiment in the life of the Seminary family. Although married men are no new addition to the Seminary, their wives will be, and it will be interesting to see how all the parties concerned will adjust themselves to the presence of women in the midst of the "family circle". Other seminaries report great success with their provisions for married couples, and many of these seminaries have facilities quite similar to those planned by the Corporation. I do not doubt that our experiment will prove ver successful and very enriching to the atmosphere of the Seminary as a whole.

For the benefit of those who have not heard, the plan which the Corporation has decided upon will transform the third floor into nine two room apartments. These rooms will provide comfortable and sufficient quarters consisting of a bedroom and a study-living room. There will be no private baths, and cooking will not be permitted in the rooms. Laundry facilities will be installed in the basement for the use of the apartment tenants. The women of the third floor will share the life of the Seminarians in all respects, having full access to the lounge and recreation room, and taking their meals in the Seminary Refectory. This, in brief, outlines the changes to be made in the facilities and life in Richards Hall.

I believe that now is the time for all suggestions concerning the improvement of the Seminary properties to be submitted to the Corporation via the office of the President of the Seminary. I am sure that all suggestions will be welcomed and thoughtfully considered. A large amount of money is being invested in improvements at the present time, and the Corporation must surely prefer to make all the advantageous changes feasible. Please submit any helpful suggestions you may have, ranging from the questions of lighting and built-in bookcases to the kind of chairs and desks most desirable for replacing the present worn-out furniture. The present students and the students to follow us will be most directly affected by the changes made in Richards Hall this summer. Therefore, ours is the duty and this is the time to submit all suggestions that may enable the Corporation to provide the most desirable facilities within the reach of their financial power.

Before leaving this subject, I should like to present a suggestion for the consideration of the reader. For quite some time now I have been annoyed by the constant confusion in the minds of most people concerning the status of the Seminary. I think about 99.44% of the citizens of Lancaster and 100% of all other United States citizens (excepting Seminary graduates) who

happen to pass by the Seminary look upon this institution as part of Franklin and Marshall College. The name of the Seminary is not to be seen by passers-by unless they walk up to the building and scrutinize the cornerstone. Personally, I do not think it would be un-Christian pride to place a sign somewhere about the Seminary for the edification of the general population. It is truly a sad state of affairs when almost every cab driver (those walking city directories) I have met cannot find the Seminary without specific directions.

To be more specific, I propose that we remove the eight balls from our front gate and erect over the entrance an arch bearing the name of the institution. It may not be such a bad idea to place some type of sign along the College Avenue boundary of the campus as well. This, of course, is my personal suggestion, but, as I see it, it would result in a worthwhile addition. I should greatly appreciate hearing your opinion on this subject.

SOCIETY NEWS

Edouard Taylor

Ernie Hawk is our newly-elected Representative to the Inter-Seminary Movement. Let's co-operate with Ernie, and share his interest in the work and its opportunities.

The Society of Inquiry, through its Faculty Advisor, has recommended to the Faculty an increase in Activities Fees, beginning with the Fall Semester. If approved, the increased Activities Fee will total three dollars, one dollar of which will be assigned to the Student Council and two dollars to the Society of Inquiry Budget. This recommendation is the result of a long-felt need to increase appropriations for the work of the Society, especially for that of the Worship Committee, the Inter-Seminary Movement, and the Program Committee and to meet special requests for which there are at present no funds available. The Society is now trying to answer some special requests by means of appeals to Seminarians and Faculty.

The World Student Service Fund is now in its 11th year. Contributions to this Fund have come from fifteen different countries, and during the past ten years have amounted to approximately \$2,000,000 about half of which has come from students in the United States. This Fund, on a non-sectarian, non-political basis, is used in war-ravaged countries to help provide educational facilities, food, and housing for at least some of the great numbers of students who are lacking even these primary necessities. Clayton Moyer is our W.S.S.F chairman. At his suggestion, the Society of Inquiry decided to ask each Seminarian to contribute the proceeds (less expenses) of one of his preaching engagements during this Spring Semester. Surely we can do no less!

Concerning the W.S.S.F. Dr. Sayres stressed the fact that this Fund depended almost entirely on a student constituency and that it should therefore have priority in student benevolent activities. Dr. Sayres suggested, also, that Mr. Moyer present the Faculty with an opportunity to contribute to the World Student Service Fund.

In a recent letter to Dr. Meek, Rev. Charles Schwantes, Director of Student Work at our Denominational Headquarters in Philadelphia, pointed out the difference between the W.S.S.F. and the W.S.C.F. "The World Student Service Fund is to the campuses what Church World Service is to the Churches, an emergency war relief fund--- The appeals for support are made directly to the college, university and seminary campuses." "The World Student Christian Federation is the world federation of forty national student Christian movements, founded in 1895. It is supported directly by its member agencies." Mr. Schwantes then continues, "The students of the Evangelical and Reformed Church have been asked to support the Federation to the extent of \$300 this year. The projected budget of the Federation for 1948 is \$130,000, of which approximately half is intended for reconstruction and pioneering movements." To meet this unexpected request, the Society voted to request the Faculty to lengthen the Wednesday Lenten Chapel services, and to make provision for receiving an offering to be contributed to the World Student Christian Federation. It is encouraging to note that the first offering received in our Lenten Services amounted to \$11.73. We can continue this fine support.

Dr. Dunn made available to the Society a letter from Army Chaplain Brundick, stationed at Kyoto, Japan. In the letter Chaplain Brundick suggested that our Seminary group might be interested in helping destitute and poverty-stricken Japanese pastors, of whom there are many. American chaplains help these men as much as they can, but resources are necessarily limited and the need great. We can help these men and their families, and here's part of what they need: Clothing and shoes; dry or dehydrated foods; medicine to combat Ascaris (worms); soap; vaseline; garden seeds. Our society has decided to make a drive to aid our brethren in Japan. Marion Smith aided by Beatrice Weaver, John Martin and John Settemeyer, will spearhead this effort in practical Christianity. You will hear from them soon. Be ready and willing?

Three recent graduates of our Seminary, William H. Daniels, Paul R. Gregory, Reynold K. Ziegler, and their families, are now missionaries to China; in fact, they are the only recent graduates from here who are missionaries in any foreign land. The Society has decided to show our interest in them, and to keep them interested in us, by sending each one a copy of new issues of the "Seminarian". In order to further increase the personal contact, the Secretary has been made responsible for the writing of personal letters to these men three or four times each school year. The Secretary welcomes the co-operation of one and all in writing these letters to our "representatives" in China.

At present, Society finances are as follows: The Worship Committee is blessed with \$.20; the Seminarian, \$6.65; the Inter-Seminary Movement Fund, \$23.00; the Program Committee, \$7.00; the W.S.S.F. \$7.94; Misc. \$.51. The Inter-Seminary Movement Fund is deeply indebted to and appreciative of the generosity of the "Seminarian" in the gift of \$5.00 to help meet approaching expenses.

WORTHWHILE BOOKS DEALING WITH N.T. SCIENCE

by Dr. Oswin S. Frantz

I - N. T. Introduction

E. F. Scott - Literature of the N.T.
Goodspeed - The Formation of the N.T.
Dibelius - From Tradition to Gospel
Riddle & Hudson - N.T. Life and Literature (1946)

2 - Theology

J. Weiss - Beginnings of Christianity (2 vols.)
Rall - According to Paul (1944)
Branscomb - Life and Teaching of Jesus
Jackson & Lake - Beginnings of Christianity
Craig - The Beginning of Christianity
Parsons - The Religion of the N.T.

2a - Commentaries

Matthew. Moffatt Series. Robinson
Mark, Branscomb, or Rawlinson, in Westminster Commentaries
Luke. Manson, in Moffatt Series
John. McGregor, in Moffatt Series
Scott. The Fourth Gospel
Major, Manson, Wright - Mission and Message of Jesus (4 Gospels)
Acts. Foakes Jackson, or Blunt
Romans. Dodd, in Moffatt Series
Bosworth, in Bible for Home and School
I Cor. Riggs in Bible for Home and School
J. Weiss (German)
II Cor. Reed in Bible for Home and School
Gal. Bacon, in Bible for Home and School
Duncan, in Moffatt Series
Ephesians, Col. and Philemon. Scott, in Moffatt Series.
Pastoral Epistles. Scott, in Moffatt Series
Hebrews. Scott; The Epistle to the Hebrews
General Epistles. Moffatt
Revelation. Moffatt Series
Robinson, Carrington.

3 - For General Reference

Hastings - Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels (2 vols.)
Dictionary of the Apostolic Church (2 vols.)
One Volume Bible Commentary:
Abingdon or Peake

4 - Greek Commentaries: Matt., A. H. Mcneile; Luke, Creed; Acts,
Jackson and Lake; Gal., Burton, James, Ropes; Rev.
Rev., Beckwith.

The above volumes might be considered as comprising a moderate working library of the New Testament for the average preacher. For the student who cannot afford more than five or six books I should recommend the following:

1. E. F. Scott, The Literature of the New Testament, for a study of the purpose and content of the New Testament books in general.
2. The Mission and Message of Jesus, covering the four gospels.
3. Branscomb, The Life and Teachings of Jesus, essential to an understanding of the Master's Message.
4. Rall, According to Paul, for the thought and teachings of the greatest New Testament theologian.
5. The Abingdon Bible Commentary (1 vol.) for brief comments on the most important sections of the New Testament books.
6. Craig, The Beginning of Christianity, for a brief summary of the leading events incident to the beg. and dev. of the Church.

