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EDITORIAL

"IDEALITY & REALITY"

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In our time we are coming to see that a philosophy of life which makes knowledge a medium through which human perfection can be obtained, is but a substitute for the loss of a deeply rooted Christian faith. Our metaphysical and ontological atmosphere is in the process of change and phrases like "Imago Dei" and "peccatum" become an indispensable antinomy. Nevertheless, a religion that violates the rational faculties of our human personality and which appeals only to our emotions, commits suicide and dies. A concordat between the responses of our emotions and our reason is our objective.

Faith is the total response of man to experience and religion is a segment of that total experience. Sin may be an inevitable segment of man's personality but let us not disregard man's inherent desire to seek intrinsic values. These values are the result of progressive evolution and discovery. An argument for the objective existence of these values can be seen when one realizes that there is a valid personality-building element in the universe which receives cosmic affirmation. This is not "wishful thinking" for the sense of "oughtness" is endowed with potential attainability.

The facts of science are ever changing and human history may change some of our values. For religion as a value experience includes not only the progressive evolution of man but the progressive revelation of God. To live religiously is to live by the highest and deepest values existing in the universe. If the values we live by are capable of receiving the commendation of God as revealed in Christ, we can then suppose that they will be desires which are desirable to the ultimate reality of our universe. For in seeking the highest we will seek that which is good.

This may be idealism; but the fusion of ideality with reality is a responsibility we must fulfill if we wish to attain that concordat which we so earnestly seek.

INAUGURAL EMBRYOLOGY

Fred Knieriem

Undoubtedly, the archives of the Seminary and such publications as make the most of academic inaugurations will do full justice to all that which transpired here on October 23. Indeed, we shall not be surprised if the fame of the event should travel far and reverberate complinenterly within the halls of theological establishments throughout the country. And who can deny that most of us would then be culpable of that Niebuhr-emphasized sin--pride in our human attainments?

Yet, as with any successful dramatic production, the occasion for our rejoicing lies even beyond the glitter of the inaugural exercises, for, here also, there were sets to be built, lines to be written and learned, rehearsals to be held, and behind-the-stage operations to be performed. To do justice to these roles is, of course, impossible in an article that must be limited as this is; yet since other reports will probably cover the birth of a new situation at our school, we might take just a few lines to view part of the "blessed event's" antecedents.

On the one hand, there was the part played by the Faculty under the especial direction of the Dean. Admittedly, he never had any idea of the labor involved in such an undertaking, and we can well imagine long hours and restive nights during which he wrestled with the major items and their myriad ramifications. To Dr. Dunn and his collaborators on the Faculty, then, we students say a more deserved "well done" than any which we ourselves earned.

Of the newly installed, it is also to be said that there was more work than met the eye. We heard Dr. Kosman outline his approach to theology; yet, we must complete the picture of presentation with that of the preparation as well. Dr. Meek told us his idea of a theological seminary, and, here too, we can appreciate what we heard only in the light of the fact that much midnight oil undoubtedly went into his part in refueling the torch of knowledge. And, then, though we heard only their accepting the responsibilities of professorships, memory bids us note that Drs. Harner and Sayres too once underwent the same preparatory labors. What is more, those of us who were in Alumni Hall during the work there and any who noted Electrician Sayres splicing here and there will recall that both were active participants at this inauguration also.

Moving to the other side of the campus, we come to another important aspect of the festivities, for, without Mrs. Groff and her helpers, only academic appetites would have been sated while the gastronomic would have suffered. The task of buying was assumed admirably by our Stewardess while the whole Refectory staff pitched in to prepare the gourmands' delights. For the fine handling of major issues and dainty details as well, another vote of commendation is due.

Of course, to be fully specific, one should go on for pages and pages to tell of Dottie Korn's faithful attendance to a multitude of matters in her inimitable manner; e.g., her assiduous search for biographical material on Dean Weigle. Or we might think of Bob Moss's concern with the proprieties of academic processions and Dr. Moss's exhuming jokes for the luncheon. As students, our thoughts finally go back to the parts which various student committees also played under the direction of the Faculty.

INAUGURAL EMBRYOLOGY (cont'd.)

Our backs may ache at memories of chairs and tables toted here and there; yet, we all shared in it as our part.

Now, the occasion but a significant event in space-time, we have again turned to our books. The academic world will surely not forget what transpired even though it will little note nor, at the most, long remember the embryology and labor pains of the inauguration. Yet, it remains that those antecedents, obscured though they may be, lie behind the symbol of a new era, ⁱⁿ which we hope and work for fruitfulness as others have before.

INTERSEMINARY NEWS

Edward Tallis

The Council Meeting of the Interseminary Movement is now a pleasant memory thanks to the fine co-operation of both theologs and college students. Twenty seminaries, drawing from nine major denominations, were represented by the forty-five delegates in attendance. Insofar as can be ascertained, all were favorably impressed by the cordiality of their reception.

The meeting itself was primarily a business session of the representatives of the Middle Atlantic Region. Reports were received and plans formulated for the coming year relative to the activities of the region. As such it was of interest to the representatives only.

However, one of the decisions arrived at during the course of the meeting is of decided interest to all of us; namely, The Regional Conference, Dec. 5, 6, 7, at Union Seminary, N.Y. By all indications, this promises to be one of the most fruitful conferences yet held within the region. It may be a bit expensive, but it will be worth it. You will have a chance to see Union, hear the lectures of some of their leading theologians, fellowship in a joint communion service of the seminary students of the various denominations--and, could be, possibly lose one's way for a few hours and find oneself down town trying to get out of Times Square.

Keep it in mind! Further information will be relayed to you as it is received.

THE SEMINARY: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

by Rev. Dr. Allen S. Meck
President

The Theological Seminary is the oldest school of our Church, rich in tradition and famed for great teachers. It is the training school for spiritual and moral leadership, meeting the demands of an educated ministry.

It was established in Carlisle in 1825. Dr. Lewis Moyer, pastor of the First Reformed Church at York, Pa., was called as its first Professor. Five students enrolled. The spiritual sons of Zwingli, Calvin, Ursinus and Olevianus inherited the passion for learning. When the sublime subjects of our faith are at stake only an educated ministry will minister to the whole community.

The small beginning at Carlisle soon leaped into prominence. Moving to York where it was established for nine years, the Seminary moved on to Mercersburg whencean outstanding triumvirate of learned men filled the professional chairs - Rauch, Nevin and Schaff. Here we have a philosopher, a theologian and an historian. These men stood for the developmental conception of history and put their emphasis on the incarnation; their theology was christocentric. These men were followed by men of learning and men of God.

The Seminary moved to Lancaster in 1871, conducting its classes in Old Main of Franklin and Marshall College. In 1894 the present buildings were dedicated. The dormitory and the refectory were completed in 1916. We inherited from our forefathers a noble patrimony.

From this school 1643 graduates went forth as ministers of the Gospel of God in Christ. They entered their respective fields not as custodians of static dogma but as stewards of the eternal mysteries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They went forth as ambassadors of the good news, heralds of redeeming grace, couriers of reconciliation and as priests of His pity.

The averaging graduating class during the last 25 years numbered eighteen men annually. During a period of 15 months seventy (70) men graduated in three commencements. The time was accelerated because of the war. Instead of two semesters a year, three terms were offered.

In September twenty new students enrolled; fifty ministerial students are registered for the first semester, September 8th to the middle of January, 1948. Four new professors were inducted at the morning service October 26rd., Drs. Kosman, Harner, Sayres and Meck. The new president was inaugurated on the afternoon of the 26rd., when Dr. L. W. Goebel, president of the Church delivered the charge to Dr. Meck and administered the oath of office. Thus having Dr. Beaver continuing as Professor of Missions, Liturgy and Ecumenicity, and Drs. Frantz and Dunn in their respective chairs of New Testament and Church History, the addition of these four new professors gives the Seminary ample teachers for the purpose of continuing the Seminary as a training school for spiritual leadership and as a seat of learning.

Dr. Weck's Message (cont'd.)

Dr. C. Geo. Bachman continues as instructor in Rural Church Work. The Restoration and Endowment Fund passed the \$100,000 mark. Our goal is \$200,000. Most of the \$100,000 was received in cash. The restoration is continuing daily. By next summer it will be completed. With profound gratitude we give thanks to God and to the Church for this financial support.

We look forward to establishing the new chair of Missions and Ecumenicity at the end of the 1947-48 school year; and to the exploring of the possibility of the establishment of a new chair in Rural Work. In the meantime we will continue to solicit funds for our Endowment Fund.

INTRODUCING THE JUNIOR CLASS (continued from previous issue of Seminarian)

JOHN Z. MARTIN, 20 years of age. Comes to the Seminary from Wernersdorf, Pa., his home church is Christ Evangelical & Reformed of Bernville, Pa. John graduated from the Wernersdorf High School in '44, and from Goshen College, Goshen, Ind., in 1947 with an A.B. Degree in History. While in College he belonged to the Peace Society, the Christian Workers Band, the German Language Club, and was a member of the Newspaper Staff.

EARL R. MARKS, 20 years of age, is from Richland, Pa., and has his church membership in Grace Evangelical & Reformed, Richland, Pa. He attended the Richland High School and graduated in '45. Earl then entered Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., where he majored in History and graduated from that institution in 1947. He was active in Christian Endeavor work, taught Sunday School, belonged to the Men's Brotherhood and did work in the Evangelical-United Brethren Church.

ROBERT V. MAYS, 39 years of age, is from Philadelphia, Pa., a graduate of the Northeast High School of that city. He graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1942 with a major in Greek. He was on the debating team, worked in the Life Work Recruits and was a member of the Phi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society. His Church membership is at the Pottstown E.U.B., Pottstown, Pennsylvania and he has done considerable pastoral work in the Lancaster area for two years and in the Cressona Charge for one year.

MISS DEWELLA (Please don't call me that, call me "Dewey"), Ruth Bollens, comes to Lancaster from Anshurst, Ohio. Dewey is employed at the YWCA in Lancaster City as Assistant Program Director of the Young Adult Department and is at present a special student at the Seminary. She was born some twenty-one years ago, and graduated from the Kenston High School, Buffalo, N.Y., in 1943. She graduated with a major in Sociology from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio in 1947. During her college days she was active in the College YWCA, the newspaper staff, the "Aurora" (year-book) staff, the Wig and Masque Club, History Club, Literary Society and the Photography Club. She likes to play ping-pong and taught swimming at the YWCA for three years. Her home church is St. Peter's E and R in Anshurst, Ohio.

INTRODUCING THE JUNIOR CLASS (continued)

C. ROSS WHITBY, graduated from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois in 1945 with a B.S. degree in Bible Archaeology. He attended Blakely High School at Peckville, Pa., where he graduated in 1939. He taught school and was elementary school principal 1945-47. Mr. Whitby has been active in Gospel Team Work and is at the present time pastor of the New Holland Methodist Church, New Holland, Pa. His home town is Olyphant, Pa., and his home church is Olyphant Welsh Baptist. He is married and lives in New Holland. His favorite sports are baseball and track.

ARTHUR WILLIAM PAFFENMEIER is from Wanesville, Ind., and is a member of Zion E&R Church at Mt. Vernon, Ind. He graduated from Wanesville High School in 1940. He attended Elmhurst College and graduated in 1947 with an A.B. degree in history. While in college he was a member of the Anchor & Eagle Club, the S.C.A., and the Goethe Club.

JAMES HENRY BAILEY - 35 years of age is from Narberth, Pa., and a member of the Methodist Church. He graduated from the Lower Merion High School, Ardmore, Pa., in 1931, and from Wesleyan University in 1935 with a B.A. degree and a major in philosophy. While in college he was a member of the S.C.A., Chapel Choir and the Glee Club. He attended Drew Theological Seminary and graduated in 1938 with a B.D. He has been active in pastoral work.

KENNETH THEODORE MCCREA - 20 years of age and is from Milford, N.J., and is a member of the First Congregational Church of Milford. He attended the Frenchtown High School, Frenchtown, N.J., graduating in 1944. In 1947 he graduated from Rutgers College with an A.B. degree in English. He was a member of the D.K.E. fraternity, a member of the Queens Players and manager of the Varsity Basketball Team.

FRANCIS ELLSWORTH RINGER - 21 years of age, is from Jeanette, Pa., and is a member of Grace E. & R. Church at Jeanette. He graduated from the Jeanette High School in 1944. He entered Franklin and Marshall College where he became manager of the Glee Club, did considerable solo work. President of the Aero Club, member of the Diagonathian Literary Society, the F & M Quartette Society, the Calumet Literary Society and the S.C.A. He was President of the Alpha Sigma Phi and belonged to the Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Upsilon Kappa, the National Blue Key Fraternity, and is listed in Who's Who among the College and University Students of America. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1947 with a major in English and with F. & M.'s highest award, the Williamson Medal. Francis has been a member of the Lancaster Chorus and the Lancaster Aero Club and has done choir and solo work in various churches.

ELMER EDIGER - 30 years old and is from Buhler, Kansas, originally - now of Akron, Pa. He graduated from the Buhler High School and from Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas in 1940 with an A.B. degree. He was active in the Student Christian Movement and was a member of the Pi Kappa Delta fraternity. Elmer taught junior high school science for two years; and served in the Civilian Public Service for 3½ years - largely as Educational Secretary for Mennonite Control Committee. He has also served as president of the General Conference of Mennonite Young Peoples Union.

MRS. HERMAN KOPKE - whose husband is now attending Franklin & Marshall College, is auditing several courses at the Seminary. She is from Cleveland, Ohio and her home town church is the Bethel E & R., of that city. She attended the Lincoln High School in Cleveland after which she attended a preparatory or business college. Mrs. Kopke has been a Sunday-School teacher and has done choir work.

INTRODUCING THE JUNIOR CLASS (continued)

EDWARD HENRY TAYLOR - was born in Williamsport, Pa., in 1918. He attended college in Hunchung, China in 1936 and Franklin and Marshall from 1936-38 at which time he graduated with a B.S. degree in Physics. His home town is Chambersburg, Pa., and his home church is St. John's E. and R. of that city. He has been an Assistant Pastor and Sunday-School Superintendent.

FRIENDSHIP

The world needs more friendship. There are far too many differences. We have all been prone to dwell upon those differences. Churches can never unite when differences are emphasized. Nations cannot work for world peace when differences are always in the headlines. Society cannot be held together when we think of our peculiar differences.

It is our privilege to make friends, and when we make friends, we are able to remove many of our prejudices. And in friendships we can work together for a better world. If we can develop a world friendship, we shall have an enduring peace.

Here are some suggestions for the awareness to friendship. Open your mind - take a positive view of things and seek to develop an understanding of life. Open your heart - give that heart a chance of life-union with God and become a channel through which God can work. Open your hand - an open hand is always ready to grasp the hand of another.

A THOUGHT FOR OUR TIME

To have friends we must be friends. And to be friends, we must be willing to share.

(From the Upper Room Devotional
Guide)

