

Lancaster, Penna.

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E PLURIBUS UNUM

A few short hours ago I sat with my classmates in a room designated by the Lancaster Seminar's Board of Visitors as its meeting place for the year 1951. Recalling the events of the two and one half hour session through which we have all gone, I was impressed by the fact that this final examination of the members of the Class of 1951 was a very clear reflection of what we have known for the three years we have been together. Once more we saw that there was a tremendous diversity among the component parts of the class.

If one were to seek a single word that would best describe the Class of 1951, I am sure it would be catholic, for the class, like the early membership of the Christian Church, is an excellent example of unity growing out of diversity. It has truly been a melting pot of widely differing types of temperament, background, and interests.

The nature of the sweeping differences of the class can best be indicated by a simple enumeration of some of the most obvious ones.

Ages range from twenty-two to forty one. Four states (North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York) and one foreign nation, China, are represented in the class. Eleven different colleges and universities sent men from their graduating classes to form one class at Lancaster Seminary. Men from three denominations - E & R, EUB, and Methodist - have studied under the curriculum devised by one denomination for the training of its ministerial students. Backgrounds vary from remote rural areas to the great metropolitan ones. Theological leanings run the entire range from extreme left to extreme right. Liturgical preferences place the members in graded niches from the highest and most formal to the lowest and least formal. Examples might be multiplied, but this is hardly necessary. Certainly the broad range of differences can be observed from the foregoing picture.

As would be expected, this catholicity would be reflected in the life of the class. Obviously, the diversity came to light in the classroom. But there were apparent differences beyond the rooms in which our professors taught and in which we discussed the matters that lay most heavily upon our

minds. During our three years in this institution there has been a vast expanding of extra-curricular activities to meet the interests present. An extensive program of athletic and cultural activities has come into being. This has even been made evident in the physical changes wrought in the renovated basement of the old Richards Hall. Going from the Dormitory building to the administration building, one can readily observe more of the effects of this class of Seminarists. In the chapel one can see the sanctuary bracket and alms basin purchased by the class in the interest of improved worship and the prayer desk fervently sought by its members. In the basement can be seen the recently renovated editorial room of THE SEMINARIAN, the student newspaper that was revitalized and revamped by this class, being changed from a crudely mimeographed monthly paper to a bi-weekly multi-graphed publication with a stated editorial policy and a high standard to which to conform.

But I have dwelt at length on the diversity of the components of the Class of 1951. The amazing thing about the class is the unity expressed within, in spite of its broadness. When one looks at the Great Seal of the United States or a minted coin he sees the words E Pluribus Unum, an expression borrowed from the ancient Romans, meaning: "Out of many, one". Such is the nature of this class. Throughout the three years we have spent together we have always remembered that we were here for a single purpose...we were here to learn the content of the Christian faith and the techniques necessary for its propagation. Every member of the class will enter the parish ministry or some phase of full-time Christian service before the end of the current year.

One might wonder at the advisability of having such a class within the walls of a theological seminary. Is there really anything to be said in favor of such a human melting pot in an academic atmosphere? The answer to that is fourfold: (1) It preserves a broader point of view within the class as a whole, calling to everyone's attention the many different points of view which can be held within a single denomination. (2) It is an excellent reflection of what one may expect to find present in the parishes which we are to serve. Certainly there can be

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very little there which we have not met here in the interchange of ideas. (3) Of benefit to the faculty is this situation also. They can learn thereby the currents of thought present in the churches, schools, and homes of our denomination throughout the land. (4) And most important, this diversity preserves the traditional broadmindedness of our wing of Protestantism.

This has been the nature of our class. These have been our contributions to the ongoing history of Lancaster Seminary. We leave school with mingled emotions, anxious to be about our work, sorry to sever the close friendships made. We won't forget those we have left behind. Please don't forget us.

Dave Mark

A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank all of those who have labored so faithfully this year to make the Society of Inquiry an effective organization. To those committee members and to Dr. Sayres, our faculty adviser, go our special words of thanks.

With the election of Messrs. Sink and Rubright and Miss Kratz, officers for the coming year, we feel that the Society is in capable hands. Under their guidance we feel confident that this student organization will move forward to new and meaningful accomplishments.

Again to all of those who have made our program a success, we say, THANKS!

Bob Delp

Ex-President of Society of Inquiry

FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve as one of the officers of the Society of Inquiry. During the '50-51 school year, the Society enjoyed a very successful season, offering some very fine and varied programmes which were provocative and edifying. We are looking forward to a new year and hope that the splendid cooperation and interest which was displayed this year will be carried over to next year. With an even larger student body, there is no reason why we cannot have a "bigger and better" year. The watchword of the Society is Service; with everyone's help and participation we hope to do a commendable, Christian job.

J. T. Rubright

A NOTE OF THANKS: To all the members of the 1950-51 Seminarian Staff, the Officers of the Society, the members of the student body and the Seminary Family, the Faculty and all who have helped to make the 1950-51 Seminarian whatever of a success it has been, my deepest appreciation.

Dick Glatfelter

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

"The time has come," the walrus said, "To speak of many things... of parsonages and salaries, of a choir that never sings. And so the senior class takes its leave of this hallowed environment and sets itself to tackling the problems of a big, bad world. But they will not be entirely forgotten. They agreed to leave something here that they felt would benefit some Middler, and which they would not take along if they could. This is their last Will and Testament.

President Bob "Toot"Delp leaves the Society of Inquiry to Jim Rubright, former chairman of the Commission on Civil Defense.

Stan Dunn leaves his towering frame to any Middler who wants to come up in this world.

Jake Earhart leaves his pounds to Lt. Keith Sink, so that Sink will at least make a shadow when the sun is shining.

Nevin Feather leaves his second tenor voice to Joe Gyorko, the shower soloist.

Larry Felton leaves the choir to Morgan Haney, who would get it at any rate.

Dick Gross leaves his pinochle deck to all of the Middler class. Maybe you fellows can get together sometime for a Gross Pinochle re-union.

Bob Haas leaves his wrinkled fenders to Keith Sink, the Southern fireball.

Dave Mark leaves Hagerstown, Md. to any Marylander who will wave the Confederate flag.

Dick Masters just leaves. He deserted the Confederacy.

Frank Pirazzini leaves the Bronx to the South for a Zoo.

Harvey Schlichter leaves his curls to Ruthie.

Roy Schmid leaves the keyboard of the organ to Jim Rubright to play Be-bop.

Lloyd Sechriest leaves his Confederate flag to Keith Sink. The five that Keith now has are beginning to fade.

Ken Shreiner leaves his flashy ties to Tom Phillips.

Davey Wen leaves his Never Miss, Tested and Approved ping-pong paddle to Mel Palmer.

Dick Wentz leaves his yodel Instruction Book to Paul Gerhart.

John Winter leaves his Southern Accent to Joe Kim.

All the other Seniors leave one Thesis each to any Middler, or Middler who would like to further broaden his education.

Signed this 23rd of May, 1951

Banks Shepherd, Executor.

SENIOR STATISTICS

William Anderman, Jr. - from Lewistown, Md., will continue at the Utica charge with family; att'd. Ursinus.
 Edward DeChant - of Philadelphia, Pa., graduate of F & M '48, going to Slippack, married and four child'n.
 Robert Delp - "grad" of Davidson '47, from Concord, N.C., will be ass't. Zion Church, Hagerstown, Md. Single.
 Stanley Dunn - of Lancaster, Pa., Kitty, Davy, and Stan will move to Cattaraugus N.Y.; grad. F & M '48.
 Jacob Earhart - of Lancaster, graduate Lebanon Valley '48, Pastor, Silver Springs EUB Church, married.
 Nevin Feather - A.B. from F & M '48, headed for the deep South--Bethany Smyrna Chg., Claremont, N.C. Single.
 Lawrence Felton - at Messiah Church, Philadelphia, Pa., with Ruth, graduated from Temple University '36.
 Mervin Gerhart - of West Reading, Pa., A.B. from F & M '49, Dorothy and he will move to Orangeville, Pa.
 Dick Glatfelter - from York, Pa., also grad. F & M '48, he and his family moving to Ardmore, Md.
 Richard Gross - of Cherryville, Pa., A.B. from Ursinus '46, no wife yet, may work on European Rel'f. Progm.
 Robert Haas - of Coplay, Pa., graduate F & M '48, taking Old Goshenhoppen charge, blissful bachelor.
 Ray Harwick - of Lancaster, graduate F & M '48, he and his family are at Lititz Pa., Warwick Charge.
 Earlin Lutz - of New Ringgold, Pa., graduated from Muhlenberg '49, Ann and he have the Tremont Charge.
 David Mark - from Hagerstown, Md., A.B. from F & M '48, becomes asst. St. Matthews, Baltimore, Md. Single.
 Richard Masters - a lonely bachelor from Smithsburg, Md., graduate Catawba '48, headed for James Creek.
 Sonald Miller - of Erie, Pa., graduate Lebanon Valley '50, Pastor, Wesley Memorial Methodist, Leola, Pa.
 Francis Pirazzini - of Bronx, N. Y., graduate Ursinus '50, He and Gert-rude are going to Turtle, Creek, Pa.
 Harvey Schlichter - of Philadelphia, graduate U. of N. C., '46, with his at Manchester, Md.
 Roy Schmid - of Columbia, Pa., graduate of F & M '48, will work in the European Rel'f. Progm., Ch. of Breth.
 Glenn Schultz - of Mt. Carmel, Pa., Pen State '49, Jean and he are headed for Mechanicsburg, Pa.
 Lloyd Sechrist - of Thomasville, N.C. graduate Catawba '49, will return with Lois to Rockwell, N. C.
 Ivan Shreiner - of Lancaster, graduate of F & M '47, headed for Campbell town, Pa., seems happy single.
 Charles Sigler - from Hagerstown, Md., A. B. from Catawba '48, he and his wife going to East Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Tao-Yung Wen - Canton, China, graduate Hua Chung College '43, married, two children, destination undecided.
 Richard Wentz - of Weissport, Pa., graduate Ursinus '48, ass't. Christ Church, Hagerstown, Md., unmarried.
 John Winter - of Alexandria, Pa., will be pastor Christ Church there, Grai Juniata '50, married, two children.
 George Yoder - of Souderton, Pa., A.B. Ursinus '50, married, he and his family are working in Brushcreek-Mannor Charge.

Fred Santschi.

CALENDER FOR COMMENCEMENT

9:15 - Meeting of the Historical Society.
 10:30 - Meeting of the Alumni Association.
 11:30 - Commencement Service.
 1:00 - Luncheon.

IMPORTANT ADVANCE DATES

17 September (Monday) - Registration of new students.
 18 September (Tuesday) - Seminary opening
 19 September (Wednesday) - Fall Term classes begin.

FINAL WORDS

A special word of thanks goes to the officers of the Society of Inquiry, Dick Gladfelter, for the job that he did this year on the school paper, THE SEMINARIAN, and to Ted Haas, without whose tireless effort this final publication could not have been.

It has been a wonderful year, so let us not forget the faculty, who gave their time and talent to us.

To each and all, a wish for a successful year in the service of God.

Mel Palmer