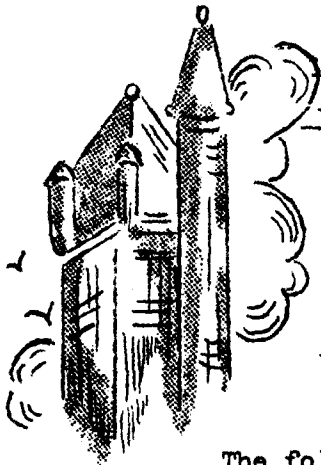


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The following letter was sent to the Seminary Family by the Wernersville State Hospital in appreciation of our Christmas gifts. The communication was received by Nevin Kershner, who made the original contact with the state hospital.

On behalf of the patients of Wernersville State Hospital I wish to thank the Seminary Family--Lancaster Theo. Seminary for contributing so generously both in time and effort to our Volunteer Services Program during the month of December. Since the Christmas season is always a difficult time for those who cannot be with their friends and relatives, I feel certain that your gifts did much to help create a true Holiday spirit and a feeling of being wanted and appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Paul A. Petree, M. D.
Acting Superintendent

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D E S October 1st has been set as the date for the inauguration of
E T President-elect Robert V. Moss and the installation of Paul Ach-
A O temeier as Assistant Professor of New Testament.
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The Middler Party, postponed from January 16th, will be held Wednesday night, January 23rd, at 8 o'clock in the refectory.

Dr. John B. Noss, Professor of Philosophy at Franklin and Marshall College, has been named Schneder Lecturer on Missions for next fall. He will speak at the formal Opening Service of the Seminary, Monday night, September 16th.

Five members of the Faculty attended the Inter-Faculty Consultation held at Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, on January 11th. Dr. Sayres presided at the afternoon panel on the Niebuhr Committee's report on "The Purpose of the Church and its Ministry."

On Friday afternoon, January 18, the Faculty held a colloquy with three ministers: Revs. Henry S. Raab, of Second Church, Harrisburg; Paul B. Snead of Bethany Church, Ephrata; and James W. Moyer, President of Mercersburg Synod, on "The Emerging New Conception of the Ministry."

Barry Kern will speak at the Assembly period on Monday, January 28th, on his experiences at the Conference of Christian Youth in Barranquilla, Columbia.

Rev. Mr. Ainger, a native of England, spoke at the Vital Issues meeting of the Society of Inquiry, Tuesday evening, January 15th, on the work of the East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York City, in which he is presently engaged.

The work of the Chancel Players in presenting "The Hour Glass" on Thursday and Friday evenings, January 10 and 11, was greatly appreciated by all who saw and heard.

Registration for Spring Term courses, Wednesday, February 6th.

SEMINARY BOWLING AT MID-POINT

One half of the Seminary Bowling Season is over. The next three weeks could change the picture, but right now the Second Floor team is in first place, followed by the Out-of-Dorms team. Nine bowlers have more than a 130.0 average. They are as follows:

Don Ely -----	165.0
George Rankin -----	153.7
Russ Heintzelman ---	147.2
Bob Welsh -----	144.6
Jack Oliphant -----	140.4
Jim Bright -----	139.7
Paul Curvey -----	137.3
Bill Keeler -----	135.6
Dr. Gable -----	132.5

The "200 games" are as follows: Don Ely 222 and 205; Russ Heintzelman 202.

All bowlers are reminded to be at Rocky Springs by 2:15 P. M. on Thursday. Promptness will be appreciated.

The Basketball Season is also in full swing. On Wednesday, January 9, Seminary # 1 team defeated Dietz Hall by a score of 59-49. Gockley was high man with 22 points. Benner scored the next most points. On Monday, January 14, the outcome was somewhat different. Seminary # 1 was opposed by the Buchanan # 2 team. It was a very close ballgame until the last quarter, when Buchanan started to pull out in front. The final score was 61-45. Gockley and Bawel each scored more than a dozen points; Welsh was third high scorer. Coach Westcoat attributed the defeat to the fact that our team could not match the opponent's height. Moreover, Buchanan's success in making shots the last quarter proved impossible to overcome. Coach Westcoat is expecting a different outcome when we face the Moravian team the first of February. On January 7 Seminary # 2 team played Hartman Hall # 3 team. The result was a 24-16 victory for Hartman Hall. Aregood and Rankin scored the most points for our side.

On January 10 a chess club was organized under the sponsorship of Dr. Scorza. Dan Kratz was elected president and Francis Scheirer secretary-treasurer. Seven members were present: Cervantes, Kershner, Markham, and Rabert, in addition to those previously mentioned. Since that time three new converts have been made. They are Bright, Fitz, and Westcoat. Under the rules agreed upon, there will be a continuous tournament throughout the school year. The top men on the ladder will form a team to compete against other seminaries and colleges. Monday at 7:00 P. M. in the Board room was set as the regular time and place of meeting. Experts, novices, and beginners are invited to join the club.

Don Ely

Another Theological Table Talk will be held at the home of Professor and Mrs. Eela Vassady on Thursday, January 24, at 7:30 P. M. The topic for discussion will be "Faith Healing." This series is perpetuated by the Vassadys in the interest of discovering new approaches to practical theological questions. Each student should make a special effort to attend at least one during his Seminary days. The size of the group is limited to sixteen on each occasion. Married students may bring their wives.

The Association of Seminary Women will hold its next session on January 28 at 8:00 P. M. in the Hafer Room. Mrs. Alfred Bartholomew will be the guest speaker. Her subject will be, "A Look into the Future." Having had seven years experience in a parsonage herself, Mrs. Bartholomew will share some of the problems faced by a minister's wife. This will be a discussion, not a lecture, so please bring questions and contributions.

The regularly scheduled February meeting will be held on February 11, at 7:30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. Bartholomew. Mr. Ernest Doerschuck, librarian of the Lancaster Free Public Library, will speak on the general topic of books and reading with special emphasis on reading that will be helpful and interesting to seminary women.

This program is in line with a newly inaugurated plan of the Association to develop a circulating library among its members. All members who own books which they feel would be of interest to others and which they are willing to share, should bring them to this meeting. Helen Markham will be responsible for the circulation of these books.