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D R S. B A K E R & F E N N E L L V I S I T

From Monday to Wednesday of this past week, our faculty and student body were privileged to welcome into their fellowship two distinguished visitors from sister theological schools. Dr. Oren H. Baker, the dean of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School of Rochester, New York and Dr. William O. Fennell, Professor of Systematic Theology at Emmanuel College, Toronto, Canada, were invited to come to our campus as part of an evaluation program sponsored by the Lilly Foundation. During their three days here these men were a familiar sight, as they joined us in the chapel, classroom, and refectory. On Monday night Dr. Fennell who served as Student Assistant of Dr. Paul Tillich while studying at Union Seminary, joined his fellow theologian, Dr. Vassady, and a selected group of students at one of the regular Theological Table-Talks. While he was at the Vassady home, Dr. Baker, who also serves as Professor of Practical Theology at Colgate Rochester, met with the Executive Committee of the Society of Inquiry and discussed student activities and concerns here at the seminary. Dr. Baker at one time served as executive secretary of the American Association of Theological Schools, and brought to the students at this meeting an awareness of the needs and practices of theological schools like ours around the nation.

Their activities here, however, involved more than simply discussions with and observations of the student body. Conferences were conducted with members of the faculty, the Board of Visitors, members of the Corporation, and representative alumni.

The result of all this will be a comprehensive report which will be submitted to the faculty and the boards in the near future, and will serve as a basis for the future growth and development of more effective programs and facilities here at Lancaster Seminary.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about one of the visitors, and playing the game of "evaluating the evaluator", might read a book by Dr. Baker which is in our library. Entitled Human Nature under God; or, Adventures of Personality, it was published by Association Press last year.

- Fred Kurkowski

D E A N ' S C O R N E R

Last week, Eden and Lancaster Seminary alumni held their first joint reunion at the meetings of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches at Omaha. In previous years each group had met separately. This time it was good to come to know each other better, both as persons and as institutions.

Middlers and Seniors! Have you written into your work schedule the preparation of essays and sermons for the endowed prizes to which you are eligible? Two essay subjects are available for Seniors and one essay and a sermon text for Middlers. The due date is April 20. Now is the time for all good essayists and sermon writers to get to work so that their best efforts may be submitted to the judges after April 20. See the Seminary Catalog, p. 36, for details.

Rev. and Mrs. Sterling Schnell '58 proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Carol Jane, who was born February 12th. The Schnell's have two other children, Paul and Kathleen.

THE MIDDLE CLASS is holding a very important meeting today at 11:20 in Room 2. Further preparations for the Stewardship Project will be the main item of business.

On Tuesday, February 17, plans for the building project were sent out to various contractors and final bids will be received March 10. Hopes are growing dim for the completion of the new apartments by the beginning of the next school year.

George Halteman, a Junior, and his impressive hot rod are the subjects of an article in the March issue of "Speed Mechanics". The illustrated story tells about "the Reverend Rodder" and his constructing of a hot rod which combines parts from Fords, Chevy, Lincoln, Olds, and Cadillac. An extra prop adds to the interest of the photos.

L E N T E N S E R V I C E S

Lenten Worship schedule is as follows:

- February 25: The Hymn "Ah, Dearest Jesus"
Speaker: Mr. George Hazen
Liturgist: Mr. Calvin Wolfgang
Meditation: "How Hast Thou Offended"
- March 4: The Hymn "Near the Cross"
Speaker: Mr. Stacy Weaver
Liturgist: Mr. John Saxton
Meditation: "Cross of grief and Love"
- March 18: The Hymn "Lord, When Thy Kingdom"
Speaker: Mr. Richard Merrick
Liturgist: Mr. Stanley Wagner
Meditation: "Lord, Remember Me"
- March 25: The Hymn "O Sacred Head"
Speaker: Mr. Max Tussey
Liturgist: Mr. Donald Kelly
Meditation: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

P R A C T I C E C O U N T S D U R I N G L E N T

A woman asked Burne-Jones how he could draw a perfect circle with a free hand. He replied, "It is really very easy, Madam. All you have to do is practice it two hours every day for forty years, then you can do it." How few are willing to endure the drudgery needed to make an artist!

The same is true of religion, which is the art of living. Many of us do not have any religion; we are only haunted by it. We want the consolations of religion, not its commitments; its delights, not its disciplines. Yet we cannot have one without the other. The beginning of wisdom, we read in the book of the Wisdom of Solomon, is "the desire of discipline." By inner discipline, diligently used, we may become truly religious, as we may learn from the lives of the masters of the life of the Spirit.

by Joseph Fort Newton

N A Z A R E T H O R P H A N S ' H O M E

(The following letter was received this week from the desk of
Melvin T. Hamm, Superintendent of the Nazareth Orphans' Home,
acknowledging the gift offering from the Christmas Banquet.)
Ed.

"First my most humble apologies to the Seminary Family for this very late 'thank-you' for the fine gift you all sent us this past Christmas 1958. Ever so many duties and calls have kept me away from the desk and the pile of mail which had collected. Maybe some day our Board will be able to see the way clear to hire a secretary.

Nevertheless, even at this late date I want to thank each and everyone who shared in the gift of \$80.55. As requested, this money was placed in a fund where it would help provide for the every-day needs of our boys and girls. Indeed, your gift to Nazareth Home will aid our Child-Caring Program greatly and in turn make a more comfortable place for those boys and girls living here.

At present we have 52 children in our Home - 28 boys and 24 girls. And of this number about 90 percent come from broken homes. We have 3 orphans in the whole family . . . that is children whose father and mother are both dead. Thus it is a wonderful blessing that you folks there at the Seminary have found the time to share your prayers and LOVE with these boys and girls.

To all of you best wishes from our Nazareth Family. If any of you are ever in this section of the country, please stop by to visit with us.

Sincerely,

Melvin T. Hamm, Superintendent

S E M I N A R Y W O M E N

The second Monday evening class for the winter quarter will be on February 23 at 8:00 P.M. in the Hafer Room. The Reverend Mr. Bricker will discuss with us the book called, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHURCH which was written by Robert McAfee Brown.

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Lo, soul! seest thou not God's purpose from the first?
The earth to be spanned, connected by network,
The peoples to become brothers and sisters,
The races, neighbors . . .
The oceans to be crossed
The distances brought near,
The lands to be welded together.

- Walt Whitman

S P O R T S

Last Friday saw the conclusion of the games in the Intra-Seminary Bowling League at Rocky Springs lanes. The final scores show the second floor in keggers dwelling on the top floor of the standings, with eighteen points. The faculty pin-busters are lodged in the runner-up spot, closely followed by the Third Floor Giants and the Hard Luck Boys of Out-of-Dorm #1, sharing third place with thirteen points each. The fourth and fifth places in the ranks are taken by the First floor and the Out-of-Dorm team #2.

The day was sparked by stellar performances by several of the men, notably Ed Wenck, Jim Bright, Dick Bishop, and Don Kelly. Don was in especially good form, knocking them down for a 547 series and a magnificent 214 single.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

1. Don Kelly	159.1	7. Dick Benner	142.3
2. Calvin Wolfgang	158.5	8. George Miller	141.5
3. Rev. Bishop	157.8	9. Ed Wenck	140.2
4. Rev. Bright	151.6	10. Jack Oliphant	138.9
5. Bob Allen	149.9	11. Dr. Englert	138.8
6. Jim Mengel	147.7	12. Jim Johnson	136.1

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Some folk as can afford,
So I've heard say,
Set up a sort of cross
Right in the garden way
To mind 'em of the Lord.
But I when I do see
Thik apple tree
An' stoopin' limb
All spread wi' moss,
I think of Him
An' how He talks we' me.
He never pushed the garden door,
He left no footmark on the floor;
I never heard 'Un stir nor tread,
And yet His Hand do bless my head,
And when 'tis time for work to start
I takes Him with me in my heart.

- Anna Brunston De Bary

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Half the cruelty in the world comes from our inability to put ourselves in the place of others.

- John Fiske