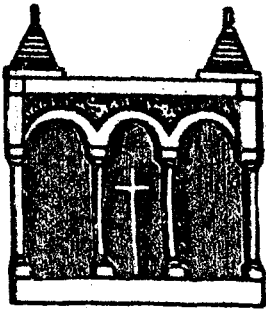


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THE DEAN'S CORNER

By Dr. David Dunn

Another term almost gone! In fact it ends officially Friday at 3. Winter term "paper work" will be due that afternoon at 5. The Inter-term Recess will continue until Monday, March 21 at 9, when the Spring term classes will begin.

Spring term registration is reported by Miss Korn as follows: Seniors, 18; Middlers: 27; Juniors: 35; M.R.E.'s: 8; Unclassified: 7; Total: 95.

Professor and Mrs. Vassady flew to Europe February 20. Dr. Bela will be contacting ecumenical leaders in Germany and Switzerland and accumulating material for the book which he is writing in the field of ecumenics.

Professor Irion and family are expected from Prairie View, Ill., on March 13. The faculty families will hold a "welcome dinner" for them the next evening. The Irion home will be at 330 College Ave.

The copy for the new catalogue and yearbook has gone to the printers. It should be "out" early in April. A special word of appreciation is due to Mary Wenck as editor, to Bill Bleckley as assistant editor and to Stanley Wagner as senior consultant. All three of them were pressed into service at the first of the year to replace men who had gone into the internship program and they have done splendidly in these capacities.

The Board of Visitors will meet with the prospective graduates of this year on Thursday evening and Friday, March 24 and 25, beginning with dinner in the refectory, to be followed by group conferences. The questions for Friday morning have been prepared by Dr. Morris Slifer of Reading, who will preside.

Visiting professors for the Spring term will be Dr. William Shaffer, pastor of Faith Church, Philadelphia, in "A Parish Program of Evangelism" (PT 60) and Prof. Robert Mickey of Franklin Marshall

'INDWELLING CHRIST' IS THEME

OF NEW HOLLAND RETREAT

The Spiritual Life Commission has planned a Spring Retreat to be held March 23 at St. Stephen's Church, New Holland. Groups will leave the Seminary at 8:30 am and return at 4:30 pm.

The theme will be "The Indwelling Christ" and will revolve about Faith, Hope and Love. The Program will include a worship service with the Rev. Gordon W. Sperry, speaking on Faith. During the noon meal there will be a meditation on Hope. The theme for the afternoon will be Love. The celebration of Holy Communion will conclude the retreat.

TO SPONSOR BENEVOLENT WORK

Benevolent work will be supported by the special offerings and self-denial contributions received during the Lenten season.

The special offerings will be received at the Monday afternoon chapel services. The self-denial banks which were distributed last week will be collected the week of April 18 and the offerings will be dedicated on April 25 in chapel.

College in "Contemporary Theology" (ST 47) Professors Gable and Irion will each have a class in "Personality and its Development" (RE 81) for the Middlers and Juniors respectively. "The Ecumenical Christian and the Church" (ST 46) will not be offered to Middlers, who will be required to take it under Professor Vassady next year. Copies of the Spring term schedule can be secured in the registrar's or Dean's office.

Professor Gable will be one of a team of leaders in religious education seminars for Air Force Chaplains at Oklahoma City and at Sacramento from March 6 to 17.

Syllabi to guide students in preparation
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IT SEEMS TO ME...

By Don Kelly

...THE PROTESTANT PREROGATIVE

It seems to me that a case could well be made for a course here at seminary entitled something like "General Reading" or "Reading for Leisure and Profit". What I have in mind is the wealth of good reading material that must necessarily remain on the fringes of our seminary education. Let me give a few examples and then you can take it from there.

There is first of all the kind of book that illumines the life of a particular theologian or religious figure. These books are not specifically written to teach but to breathe life into the dusty corners of our understanding of these people AS PEOPLE. Read, for example, the "Journals" of Kierkegaard and come to know on a more intimate basis this shadowy figure who flits behind the contemporary theological scene. "The Imitation of Christ" or "Leaves from the Notebook of a Tamed Cynio" are also appropriate.

Secondly, there are the novels which are written with a decided theological bent. I am not thinking of the "This I Believe" type of book, but rather the novel which leads us to rethink such words as redemption, suffering, lordship, et al. As one scholar has pointed out, there are marked parallels between Christ's passion and suffering as found in Mark and the trials of Santiago in "The Old Man and the Sea." If you want to read about what it means to be "in Christ", to be torn by a passionate longing to do the will of God despite oneself, try "The Late Liz".

Finally, there are the bittersweet stories of life itself. Here the list is endless: "Grapes of Wrath" (mostly bitter) "Only in America" (Mostly sweet), "Kingsblood Royal" and "Gentleman's Agreement" (recommended especially for notherners--we who aid and abet the velvet curtain of tolerance), "East of Eden" (remember Genesis when reading this), and "Elmer Gantry" (a somewhat overdrawn picture of hypocrisy in the ministry, but pungent when the message comes through).

True, we should have been introduced to many of these books while in college. The fact of the matter is, however, most of us are sadly lacking when it comes to relating Barth to Elizabeth Burns. Or is

THE ALTAR

By Ken Mulholland

"And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem:" (Mark 10:32)

We are now in the Lenten season. It is that time of year when we "go up to Jerusalem." This is the time of year when we turn from the days of Christ's teaching and healing in Galilee and focus our gaze upon Jerusalem--upon our crucified and risen Lord.

Lent is a time for recognizing that at the very center of the Christian faith stands the person of Jesus Christ. But is He really central--not just in our theological speculation, but in our lives as well?

Is the decisive redemptive event of Jesus Christ central in our proclamation? Is our message one of good news or is it merely one of good service? Is our message one of redemption or are we busily engaged in putting face powder on smallpox as we call "men without sin to a Christ without a cross?"

Is Christ central in our view concerning society? Or do we merely relegate him to the irrelevant as we repeat the shopworn "shibboleth" of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man? Do we substitute "moral and religious values" for the need of redemption in Christ?

Is Christ central in our daily life? Do we recognize our dependence upon him? Do we realize that because and only because He lives, we shall live, because He has forgiven us, we must forgive, because He first loved us, we must love one another?

Are we prepared to say with Paul: "I Am determined to know nothing among you save Christ and him crucified?"

THE DEAN'S CORNER (Continued)

tion for the comprehensive examinations to be given each year, beginning with the spring of 1961, are being prepared for distribution. One form is for B.D. and certificate candidates, another for M.R.E. candidates.

Announcement has come of the marriage of Miss Irene Julia Sabo to Rev. Alexander Jalsovicsky on February 21 in Fairmont, West Virginia. Congratulations Alex!

there no relationship at all? Anyone for the public library?