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INTER-SEMINARY MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

The 1958 annual conference of the Inter-Seminary Movement will be held at Princeton Theological Seminary. The dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 20-22. An outstanding program has been planned under the theme - "No Mission - No Church". Speakers are: Rajah B. Manikam - Lutheran Bishop of India; M. Richard Shauli - missionary to South America; and author of Encounter with Revolution, The Rev. George Todd - East Harlem Protestant Parish.

The cost of the conference is \$9.00 which includes registration, 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. Registration forms may be obtained from Bruce Wickkiser, and should be in the mail by the end of the week.

Let's plan to give Lancaster a good representation at this conference. Plan to attend all or part of the program, now!

DEAN NOTES

Winter Term ends Friday, March 7 at 5:00 P.M. All term work will be due then, except in cases where professors have made other arrangements with their classes.

Spring Term begins Monday, March 17 at 9:00 A.M. Schedules for Spring term classes are available at President's or Dean's offices.

REGISTRATION for spring term: Seniors: 26; Middlers: 25; Juniors: 27; M.R.E.'s: 5; Unclassified: 3; TOTAL 86.

Joe Heiney and Al Brinker will not be seen among us during spring term, having finished their work for graduation in June. Ann Graybill will be preparing for embarkation on the sea of matrimony.

A few registration figures: Twelve students have registered for Course 71a, the study of Faith Church, Lancaster to be conducted under the leadership of Dr. John Shope. Dr. William Shaffer who comes to us again for Course #60 in Evangel will have 21 in the class. Twelve will be taking Advanced Field Work, #255. Eight each are registered for the courses taught by two other guest teachers: Rev. Mr. Paine in #62 (Expository Preaching) and Dr. Ralph Felton in #175 ("The Rural Church around the World")

Corrections or additions to the seminary "Family Album", which appeared in the "Seminarian" of February 21, should be made by way of the dean. Kathleen Mae Schnell, born February 15 represents one recent addition. Wt. 6 lbs., 6 oz. Seniors and Janet McIl! Dinner with the Board of Visitors, Thursday night, March 20th. Group conferences that evening. Examination in Room II, Friday at 9:00 A.M.

Regina (Mrs. Winfield) Engler of Glen Rock, Pa. talked to the Association of Seminary Women at the deanery Monday night, March 3rd. Virginia (Mrs. Nevin) Fisher of Elizabethtown, an M.R.E. graduate of 1956 has published "The Story of the Brethren", a history of the Church of the Brethren, designed especially for young people.

I BELIEVE

I believe in the conditioning influence of human experience upon human beliefs.

I believe that when human experience is constantly and objectively interpreted in terms of life's purpose man is forced to admit the existence of an eternal, unchangeable Creator-God.

I believe that man is uniquely related to this Creator-God by the bond of an inherent dependence.

I believe that this bond is motivated, strengthened and is renewed by the power of love.

I believe that the living of the fullest life possible is the goal most to be desired in life.

I believe that the fullest life possible cannot be lived without a devoted and worshipful awareness of the inherent dependence we have upon our Eternal-Creator nor without the constant expression in our lives of the love which makes that dependence a joy.

- Robert Welsh

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

THE COMPASS

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Many people pray. It seems reasonable, too, to say that each person prays differently. Even when people repeat the same words, they don't necessarily pray the same prayer. Their very natures make each word, each phrase mean something true to their own experiences and unlike the meaning of someone else. For example, a child repeating the Lord's Prayer certainly has less significant "trespasses" to confess than an adult.

Several years ago a leading magazine carried a news story on the prayers and praying of one of the most controversial figures of World War II, General George Patton. The article printed some of his prayers.

If one were discussing the quality of General Patton's praying, it would be nearly sufficient to report that he prayed like a professional soldier. But that would not do justice to the facts. Indeed, he prayed like General George Patton. That's all.

"Sir, this is Patton talking", he prayed on December 23, 1944, just before the Ardennes offensive. "Rain, snow, more rain, more snow - and I'm beginning to wonder on which side They actually are at Thy Headquarters".

Then four days later came these words unmatched in all the history of praying: "Sir, this is Patton again and I beg to report complete progress. - Sir, it seems to me that you have been much better informed about the situation than I was because it was that awful weather which I cursed so much which made it possible for the German army to commit suicide. That, Sir, was a brilliant move and I bow humbly to a supreme military genius."

Heresy? Well, Sweden's clergy called these prayers that. Yet, can't we

believe, too, that God smiled in a kindly, understanding way as the famous soldier carried his military procedures and his brusque, direct self into the Headquarters of the Lord of Hosts?

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CHANCEL PLAYERS CHOOSE SPRING PRODUCTION

At a business meeting held in the Lounge on Tuesday evening, the Chancel Players began casting their Spring production - "The Case of Humanity Versus Pontius Pilate". Tentative dates for the production are April 18 and 19. The play will be performed on Sunday night, April 20th at the Church of the Brethren, in Elizabethtown.

The play is done in modern dress, in a court-room. It deals with the part played by Pilate in the Crucifixion. Biblical characters are mixed with a modern jury, lawyers, a judge and court reporters. Arguments for defense and prosecution are presented objectively to a jury drawn from the audience. The play has three possible endings, worked out to agree with the decision of the jury.

Joseph of Arimathea, his daughter, Esther, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Solome, Annas, Caiaphas, Claudia, Procula, and Pilate all appear to give evidence as to details of the Crucifixion. The action of the play takes about one hour.

The authors state their purpose in these words: "Although the time of the play is the present, the testimony of the witnesses is based upon their sentiments shortly after Christ's Crucifixion. The play attempts to re-examine the events when the situation was fresh The verdict, doubtless, will be different for each performance, for the verdict is left entirely in the hands of the jurors."

DON'T FORGET THE RECREATION WORKSHOP ON MARCH 18th! !

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Congratulations to Rev. George Bricker on the list of recent acquisitions which was recently distributed. We feel that this list will stimulate the interest of the student body in the new books. We will know just what is available in each department. It serves as a handy bibliography of new material in a wide variety of fields.

Some surprise was expressed among the student body that of 36 volumes added in the area of New Testament, 19 were in German, 16 in English, and 1 in French. We just didn't realize that we had that many German scholars among us - especially after difficulties getting enough of a German cast for our Marburg Colloquy in the Middler Class! !

We extend our "Best Wishes" to our colleagues who are leaving us at the end of this term - to Al Brinker, to Joe Heiney and to Jim Turek, who leaves us to work at Dodge House, in Detroit.

Bon Voyage to the Choir and Best Wishes for a successful tour!

The campaign on campus for contributions to the Rev. George A. Rankin Memorial Fund will soon be getting underway. Letters are being sent to all members of the classes of 1956 and 1957 to inform them of plans for the purchase of a micro-film reader for the Library.

Lord Jesus, we would find Thee in the privacy of our own hearts, in the quiet of this moment.

We would know, O God our Father, that Thou art near us and beside us; that Thou doest love us and that Thou art concerned about all our affairs. May we become aware of Thy companionship, of Him who walks beside us.

Lord God of Heaven, who hath so lavishly blessed this land, make us, Thy people, to be humble. Keep us ever aware that the good things we enjoy have come from Thee, and That Thou didst lend them to us.

Impress upon our smugness the knowledge that we are not owners - but stewards; remind us, lest we become filled with conceit, that one day a reckoning will be required of us.

Thou hast said, Father, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Give us the grace today to think not of what we can get but of what we can give, that a new spirit may come into our work, with a new vision and a new purpose, that Thou wilt delight to bless.

Give to us more faith. We have so little . . . Yet we have faith in each other - in checks and banks, in trains and airplanes, in cooks, and in strangers who drive us in cabs. Forgive us for our stupidity, that we have faith in people whom we do not know and are so reluctant to have faith in Thee who knowest us altogether.

Loving Father, give us hearts to love Thee, faith to accept Thee and grace to serve Thee. Grant that we, the members of this organization, may be joyful messengers of Thy love wherever Thou callest us. Teach us to do the things that please Thee and show us where and how we may best glorify Thy name.

We are always striving to find a complicated way through life when Thou hast a plan, and we refuse to walk in it. So many of our troubles we bring on ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for the things we have done that make us feel uncomfortable in Thy presence. All the front that we polish so carefully for men to see, does not deceive Thee. For Thou knowest every thought that has left its shadow on our memory. Thou hast marked every motive that curdled something sweet within us.

We acknowledge - with bitterness and true repentance - that cross and selfish thoughts have entered our minds; we acknowledge that we have permitted our minds to wander through unclean and forbidden ways; we have toyed with that which we knew was not for us; we have desired that which we should not have.

We confess before Thee that our ears are often deaf to the whisper of Thy call, our eyes often blind to the signs of Thy guidance. Make us willing to be changed.

Hear us, we pray Thee, as we call upon Thee for help, for strength, for peace; for grace, for reassurance, for companionship; for love, for pardon, for health, for salvation - for joy. Help us to know that when we reach up to Thee, Thou art reaching down to us. We ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

-- Mrs. Beatrice M. Riu