

# THE SEMINARIAN

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## SEARCH FOR NEW PROFESSORS CONTINUES

Meetings of the Committee named by the Corporation of the Lancaster Theological Seminary to secure a successor to Dr. Bard Thompson continue.

Under the Charter of the Seminary, the Corporation Board has the responsibility for naming professors to the faculty of the school.

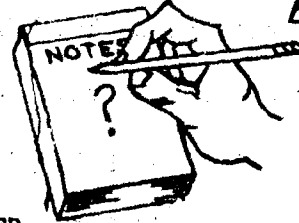
The Board has named a Committee, composed jointly of faculty and Corporation members which in consultation with all of the faculty, is surveying the field of candidates. The Committee is composed of faculty members Dr. Paul J. Achtemeier and Dr. Gabriel J. Fackre, and Corporation members Dr. Russell D. Custer (pastor, Palisades Park, New Jersey), Mr. John A. Kunz (Chairman of the Board, John A. Kunz Company), Dr. James W. Moyer (Conference Minister, Penn Central Conference), and Dr. Joseph F. Libsch (head of metallurgy department, Lehigh University). Dr. Libsch is the Chairman.

Selection of the proper person can be a long process. Credentials of candidates are first secured by the Committee. This is done by approaching other schools for suggestions, and from the Committee's (and faculty's) own knowledge of who is teaching and might fit Lancaster's needs.

After the credentials have been received and carefully examined, several of the applicants are invited to Lancaster for personal interviews. Upon completion of as many interviews as the Committee finds necessary, a candidate is chosen to be recommended to the Corporation for election at a meeting of the Corporation. The Committee hopes to recommend a person early in 1966.

Also at work is a Committee responsible for naming a person to the newly-created post of Director of Continuing Education at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

This Committee, in make up and function, is similar to the Committee at work on finding a church history professor. They are just beginning their work, the first meeting was held on December 15. Faculty members of this Committee are Dr. L. J. Gable, and the Rev. G. H. Bricker. Corporation members are Dr. P. T. Slinghoff (Conference Minister, Penn Southeast Conference) and Dr. William F. Hartman (physician, Lancaster).



**BE SURE TO  
MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR**

### DECEMBER

- 17 - CHRISTMAS RECESS BEGINS!
- 29 - Conference on the Ministry
- 30 - for College Students

### JANUARY

- 3 - CLASSES RESUME
- 4 - 7:30 PM - ASW CLASS - Mr. Duke
- 5 - 10 AM - CHAPEL - Mr. Serio
- 7 - 7 AM - HOLY COMMUNION  
Liturgist - Mr. Bricker  
Preacher - Mr. Gable
- 10 - 7:30 PM - ASW MEETING
- 12 - 10 AM - CHAPEL - Mr. Snowa
- 14 - 7 AM - HOLY COMMUNION  
Liturgist - Mr. Bachman  
Preacher - Mr. Moyer

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The Seminarian Staff wishes to all of you many blessings at Christmas time and throughout the coming year.

## EDITORIAL

At this time of year, there is only one thing on everyone's mind--Christmas. By now we have heard the usual statements, speeches, sermons, and stories about the "real" meaning of Christmas. Some are better than others. Here are two "modern" versions of the Gospel story of Christmas which we have always enjoyed. Perhaps you will, too.

"And there were in the same country children  
Keeping watch over their stockings by the  
Fireplace. And lo, Santa Claus came  
upon them; and  
They were sore afraid. And Santa Claus  
said unto  
Them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you  
good  
Tidings of great joy which shall be to  
all people  
Who can afford them. For unto you will  
be given  
Tomorrow, great feasts of turkey, dress-  
ing, and  
Cake; and many presents; and this shall  
be a sign  
Unto you, ye shall find the presents  
wrapped in  
Bright paper, lying beneath a tree  
adorned with  
Tinsel, colored balls and lights." And  
suddenly  
There will be with you, a multitude of  
relatives  
And friends, praising you and saying,  
"Thank you  
So much, it was just what I wanted."  
And it shall  
Come to pass as the friends and relatives  
have  
Gone away into their own homes, the par-  
ents shall  
Say one to another, "What a mess to  
clean up."...  
"I'm dead tired, let's go to bed and  
pick it up  
Tomorrow."..."Thank God Christmas  
only  
Comes once a year!" And they go with  
Haste to their cold beds and find  
their desired rest."

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"And there were in this same country, men traveling the highways by night, keep-  
ing watch over their stocks and bonds.  
And lo, a new star appeared in the heav-  
ens, and the brilliance of it shone round  
about them, and they were afraid--until  
they turned on their radios and heard the  
good news: "Fear not, for behold, we  
bring you glad tidings. Unto you is given  
this day, from the launching pad at Cape  
Canaveral, a new satellite..."

And suddenly there was a multitude of  
commentators, praising science and saying,  
"Glory to us, for this will so impress  
the world that no nation will dare to go  
to war against us."

And the wise men, seeing the new star  
in the south, rejoiced with exceeding  
great joy. And they brought forth their  
savings and invested them...for they said,  
"Surely the time is right. At last we  
have peace on earth."

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There was no room for Christ in the  
inn; have you room for HIM in your  
heart?

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All the fervor of the "new theology" abounds in the recently published pamphlet designed, we suppose, to introduce prospective students for the ministry to LTS. While it may be designed to encourage those prospective students who see the local congregation as of little consequence to attend LTS; it must also serve in its present form to close the LTS door to those who do see "St. John's -by-the-gas-station" (to use a well-worn phrase) as having some significance amidst the present "New Reformation." The "angle of vision" of LTS presented in the pamphlet seems to throw out the angle of vision evident in the history of LTS--that angle which has not underestimated the significance of the local congregation. The main imperfection of the pamphlet lies in a distorted "angle of vision"--an angle which is distorted not so much by what it says, as by what it doesn't say.

It is right and proper that the Church should be where men are, for there God is. But it is not theologically healthy to imply that God is only "out there" and not in the Church. The place of the forthcoming minister from LTS would seem to be in Las Vegas, or Sun Valley, or Congress, or anywhere else but in the Church as seen in the local congregation. Young men and women are called by God to go "where the action is." That is fine, except this new angle of vision sees the "action" only outside the local congregation.

In addition, to say that the call to the ordained ministry is "not simply to fill a vacant pulpit" is one thing. But to neglect the emphasis of the Mercersburg Theology (which is seen as the foundation of LTS) on the Word and Sacraments is to do serious injustice to one's foundation and to those who might choose to come to LTS on the basis of this pamphlet. For nowhere is it mentioned that the spoken and visible Word is of any importance to LTS. This may indeed be implied in the generalized discussion of the Church's calling to give herself to the world. But how is anyone who is unfamiliar with the theology expounded by LTS faculty. As such, this pamphlet does a disservice to its readers?

--Lester Helmeczi  
William Sherman

There is in our chapel a name uniquely impressed upon the stone of the pulpit. There hangs a portrait of this man in the basement hall of the administration building. At Bethany Children's Home, Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, a chapel stands bearing his name as does a Wyomissing Church standing on a hill overlooking route 422. And in Reading stands a church; this one he built. It stands as a memorial to him. Do you know this man--Benjamin Bausman?

On January 28, 1824, in Lancaster County Benjamin Bausman was born. The youngest of nine children, he was raised by the typical German method of parental training. In other words father's word was law. (ah, for the good old days). The young Bausman had his boyish ambitions too; one was to drive the stage coach from Millersville to Lancaster, and another was "to saw a fiddle at a hoe-down." (in the world, wouldn't you say?)

At the age of 22, Benjamin Bausman entered Marshall College at Mercersburg. He graduated in 1851. As he grew older, many influences led Benjamin Bausman into the ministry. After spending about one year in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, he was ordained as a minister of the Reformed Church in Lewisburg. He later served a congregation in Chambersburg, where in 1863, he received and accepted a call to the First Reformed Church of Reading, Pennsylvania.

A few years after his installation, he favored the formation of a new English speaking church. During his pastorate at First Church, half of the services were in German but there was a growing need, especially among the younger generation, for services in English. Thus, he started the formal organization of St. Paul's Church, Reading.

On January 6, 1873, Dr. Bausman was elected pastor of St. Paul's. He served as pastor for many years and was responsible for the rapid growth and progress of the new Church. He is also credited with inspiring the organization of other Reformed Churches in the Reading area. In the fall of 1900, St. Paul's secured an associate pastor, while Dr. Bausman continued to take an active part in the affairs of the Church in spite of his failing health.  
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# POETRY CORNER

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## STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

Do you hear it -  
that wail far away  
of a child, cold and hungry?  
the silence of a man  
too lonely to cry?  
the prayer of a woman  
for her son to come home?

Can you hear?

Do you see -  
the tears from two big eyes  
of a little black boy?  
the shivering of a baby  
in a cold apartment room?  
the bowed head of thousands,  
lost, and alone?

Have you eyes to see?

Stop a moment.  
Look around you.  
Listen...

Have you eyes to see  
and see not?

Ears to hear  
but hear not?

Have we not a message  
and an act of compassion  
for such as these?

Or,  
What does Christmas mean?

-- Sandy Ludwig

# *Lancaster Theological Seminary*

## bulletin

CORPORATION

### Library Building Plans

Mr. Paul B. Eshelman, chairman of the Corporation committee on buildings and grounds, reports that the committee has discovered a way to obtain additional space in the new building which can be used to relieve crowded conditions in the administration building. The architects were asked to prepare an alternate and revise the plans to include the additional space since it can be obtained at a lower cost in the new library than in any future building. The Seminary architect has now promised the final plans and specifications for December 15. They will go to six bidders about December 20 and bids will be opened at the end of January. It is possible that a special meeting of the Corporation will be called on February 4 to consider the alternate and that ground-breaking ceremonies will be held on that date.

### Campaign Progress

Mr. Schellhase reports that on December 1 gifts and pledges to the library campaign totaled \$931,650. 1,612 persons have pledged \$450,117, and 357 congregations have signed "Statements of Intent" cards totaling \$481,533. Cash receipts, included in the total above, amount to \$325,650. Pledges from ministers (also included in the \$931,650 figure) total \$93,364, just over 10% of the subscriptions to date.

### Vacancy in Church History

Dr. Joseph F. Libsch, chairman of the joint Corporation-Faculty Committee to recommend a successor to Professor Thompson, reports that the committee hopes to complete its work on December 6. A number of names have been considered, four interviews have been held, and on December 6 the committee will meet again with one of the four persons who have been interviewed.

### Inauguration of Professors Duke, Fackre and Irion

The Faculty Committee on Convocation, Commencement and Lectureships has completed plans for the inauguration of the three faculty members who were elected to full professorship last spring. The date for the inauguration is Friday, February 4. The theme on which the inauguration addresses will be delivered will be "The New Man for the New Age." The Rev. Francis X. Pirazzini, alumnus, Corporation member and President of the Central Atlantic Conference, will preach the sermon at the inaugural service. The program is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with a reception at 4:00 p.m. Corporation members are urged to attend.



## PERHAPS A PARABLE

Two men are sitting on a log adrift somewhere in the North Atlantic.

JEAN: I'm thirsty.

KARL: There's enough here for you to drink.

JEAN: It's salty--I want fresh water.

KARL: You must wait until we are rescued.

JEAN: No one's coming. I'm thirsty now.

KARL: You've got to have faith and hope.

JEAN: I've tried that and now I'm thirstier.

KARL: Here, read this.

JEAN: What is it?

KARL: It's a New Testament. I keep it handy in case of trouble.

JEAN: I'm still thirsty...What's that I see over there.

KARL: I don't know...Wait a minute...It looks like an iceberg.

JEAN: You're right. It is. Let's go get it.

KARL: Why?

JEAN: Icebergs are made of fresh water. Besides, there's more room on it.

KARL: It's not a very big iceberg.

JEAN: Bigger than the log.

KARL: Let's stay on the log. The iceberg may drift south and melt. The log is more secure.

JEAN: But there's more room on the iceberg, and we can get fresh water from it.

KARL: Let's compromise. We'll take the log with us on the iceberg.

JEAN: I'm thirsty...The iceberg is too frozen to thaw.

KARL: I'm cold...The log was warmer.

JEAN: Let's compromise. Let's burn the log.

KARL: It's water-logged.

JEAN: Give me your Testament.

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PERHAPS A PARABLE  
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KARL: Why?

JEAN: We'll burn the Testament and get the log going.

KARL: You're very practical. Then we will have both warmth and water.

JEAN: Then we will be saved.

They burn the log.

-- Harry L. Serio

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Have You Noticed?  
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ing health. He died on May the eighth, 1909, after having contributed a full life to the work of Jesus Christ.

-- Fred Schwerdt

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SOME PEOPLE'S MINDS ARE LIKE  
CONCRETE, THOROUGHLY MIXED  
AND PERMANENTLY SET!

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CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR  
CAMPUS BOOKSTORE

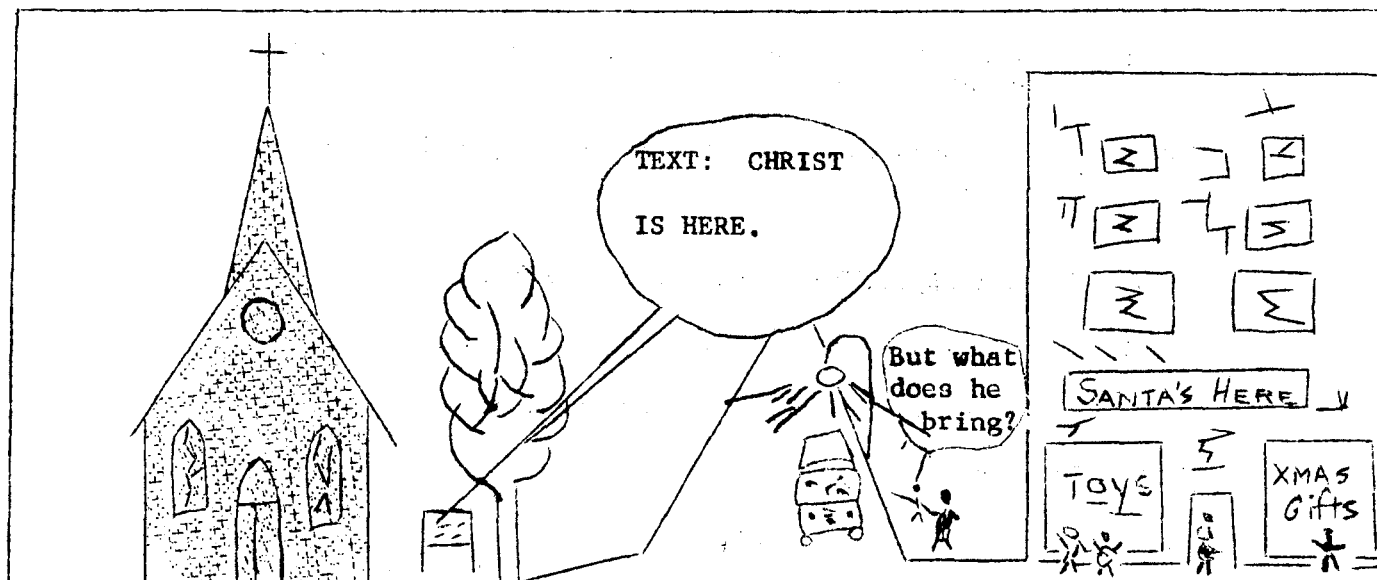
THE STORY OF OUR HYMNS  
by Armin Haeussler

HOW TO BECOME A BISHOP WITHOUT BEING  
RELIGIOUS  
by Charles Merrill Smith

THE BULTMANN SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL INTER-  
PRETATION: NEW DIRECTIONS?  
James M. Robinson et al.

TRANSLATING THEOLOGY INTO THE MODERN AGE  
Rudolf Bultmann et al.

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# SOCIAL ACTION



## THANKS FROM PACE

In all probability "Lancaster's own" Program for American Cultural Enrichment will continue this coming year, due in part to the response of its "parent", LTS. At this writing PACE's formal appeal to the seminary community is almost complete. Thirteen members of the student body and faculty have responded with gifts and pledges totaling thus far \$81, (which the Vital Issues Committee will match at the going rate of 2 for 1) and ten hours of service (from one couple). Also, one student family has offered to serve on a PACE Committee and to assist with other administrative details. All of this from a student body which last year began the project, supported it to the tune of \$500 from the Vital Issues and SOI Benevolence Funds, and supplied many workers in the various areas of service. Many thanks for your concern and assistance.

But PACE's invitation for your concern and support does not end with this formal campaign, just as PACE's function does not end until the problem it arose to meet has been corrected. Help will long be needed and very much welcomed in the following areas:

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THESE COMMITTEES:

Curriculum -- to set the exact course of study to be followed

Staff -- to set qualifications for the teachers and/or assistant teachers

Adult PACE -- to establish a course in its entirety

Arrangements -- to establish facilities and make physical preparations for the class sessions

Community Relations -- to interpret PACE to the local community and solicit support from service clubs, etc.

## Involved in all these are needs for:

Drivers -- to bring children to classes and return them home on weekday evenings (between 4-6 PM) and Saturday mornings, and to assist in transportation for field trips on Saturdays

Publicizers -- to assist in preparing mailings and/or visiting area churches and schools to announce PACE and distribute fliers, as well as preparing posters, announcements, etc.

Visitors -- in the homes of prospective students to explain PACE

Helpers -- to assist local churches where the classes will be held to make physical preparations, such as setting up and tearing down chair arrangements, book displays, serving and preparing refreshments, etc.

Helping teachers -- in special activities such as music or art, or regular associate or team teaching

Church interpreters -- to assist Lancaster's Christian Social Action Committee (under the Rev. Mr. Geisler) in soliciting aid from local churches.

People -- to observe community meetings

If you can squeeze into your schedule a few hours during January, February, or March to assist in any of these ways, please drop a note to, or call, Mr. Les Helmeczi (394-2403) or Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wingenroth (394-4796). LTS can and ought to be a center of concern for the Lancaster area. Concern yourself with PACE!

--Les Helmeczi

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS OR THE NIGHT AFTER CHALCEDON

T'was the night before Christmas, and no one was home.

Everyone was meditating on Leo's Tome.

The doctrines were hung by the chimney with a hurry  
in hopes that they would come to some formula of Mary.

Theotokos and Christokos danced through their heads,  
while any thought of unity caused hissing and dread.

Cyril in his Kerchief, and Nestorius in his cap  
were all set to give each other a theological rap.

When out of the council there arose such a clatter,  
Both divine and human were about to plop in a splatter.

The moon on the breast of the snow-covered sod,  
Gave everybody the idea that Mary bore God.

On Leo, on Cyril, on Nesty, on Rome,  
Let's get back to the homework and re-read the Tome.

But Chalcedon exclaimed ere it vanished from sight,  
We listened to Cyril and Nesty, but Leo was right.

MORAL: WHENEVER THERE'S A CHIMNEY WHERE YOU HANG UP YOUR SOCKS  
ALWAYS REMEMBER TO BE ORTHODOX.

--Robert Moyer  
Gene Stecher  
Virginia Thomas