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"Allons! the road is before us!" So wrote Walt Whitman. In that thought lies the joy of a new undertaking. The road may stretch over mountains which challenge our strength; it may twist about endless curves, but it is all before us. Though there may be parallel highways, this one is new. We are the first to travel over it.

A newspaper should be the clearing-house for questions of moment. Its pages should be available to all, students and professors. Though impartial, it should never be immature. This is to be a paper by Seminaricians and for Seminaricians. Its every word should reflect credit on the institution of which it is a part.

In a moment when great and grave issues confront us, the birth of a newspaper is an important event. It merits the support of all students.

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... DEVOTIONAL READINGS ...
for the
Coming Week

Oct. 8,	Matt. 7:1-8	Oct. 15,	John 3:1-13
9,	Acts 26:19-29	16,	1 Cor. 3:18-23
10,	John 14:1-12	17,	Ephes. 2:11-21
11,	Psalms 51	18,	1 Cor. 1:1-9
12,	1 John 1:1-10	19,	John 10:1-18
13,	Romans 8:10-17	20,	Matt. 7:1-12
14,	1 Cor. 2:1-12	21,	Luke 7:11-50



" I'M FOR IT! "

For what? For -- whatever you want to call this surprise publication and for its continuance not just as a feature but as an expression of our seminary life. Both as a preview and as a re-view of our common interests and activities I believe it will meet a real need.

I recall how during the days of my "Windy City Exile" in the fall and winter of 1938-39 both students and "profs" (of the Chicago Theological School) greeted the weekly appearance of the "OPEN DOOR" with ill-concealed eagerness.

Such a "sheet" as this should keep the larger seminary family as well as those living within the dormitories advised of "the doings" in which all are interested. It should provide both students and teachers with a medium for the exchange of impressions and suggestions "for the good of the order". It should preserve a record of seminary life that would grow more interesting and valuable with the years. Above all, it should help to promote and maintain such an "esprit de corps" in the institution as these beclouded and uncertain times demand.

- Dr. David Dunn.

I learned that WAR was a Profit-Making business,
and that there are men in the world
who stir up WAR for PROFIT.

It is a terrible thing to think of.
War is a MAN-MADE affair - it is NOT NATURAL
-it NEVER settles anything - NEVER.



"The world is my parish."

Jesus was no narrow provincialist. He was a man of broad sympathies, wide horizons, world outlook. His parting words to his disciples just before his ascension sounded the breadth of his interest, the compass of his love, and the scope of his mission. Although he was born, reared, lived and died in the little country of Palestine, his field was the entire world.

Christ's message is a world message for all peoples, nationalities, classes, races, and colors.

Christ's message is a timeless message, enduring even after nations and empires have crumbled in the dust.

Christ's message is a personal message, speaking to the heart of each individual believer. He is the World's Savior - and also our personal Redeemer.

"All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." -- St. Matthew 28:18-20.

-- HIS CARE --

God's love is like a forest glade,
Where shines a pool so calm and clear.
There in its peaceful quiet shade
Small creatures rest and have no fear.
There golden shadows dance in glee.
Trees lift their leaves in holy praise
And whispering creatures sing to Thee:
"God guides the weak in all their ways."
I come, I rest in His calm love,
Beside the waters, clear, of life,
Protected by His shielding love,
At peace, within a world of strife.

God's love is like a storm cloud black.
Wild winds sweep low the rip'ning grain,
Pierce lightnings flash, hard thunders crack
The torrents of refreshing rain.
A thirsty world drinks full its peace.
Then sun breaks through the gloom of night,
The brooks their jeweled praise increase.
Blue sky, green fields, all clean and bright.
I know what sorrows black appear
And lightning strikes a quivering heart,
The Sun of Righteousness is near,
His strength and love never depart.

- Clarence A. Frazee.



"Ich stimme fer das Seminar," said Father Hendel, casting the decisive vote at Bedford, when the founding of our Seminary was under debate. The project of launching a friendly, newsy, spicy Seminary paper, a house organ, is somewhat less momentous than the issue debated by the fathers one hundred and fifteen years ago, but in the forward looking spirit of Father Hendel "Ich stimme daffür." And I do it gladly and heartily because, such a paper may become a very useful added means of information and integration. Also, of "inspiration"?

That I cannot say, in advance. Journalism we know has its difficulties and dangers, both the extra- and the intra-mural type. Presumably, even Seminary scribes are not wholly immune from the dangers that lurk in pen and ink.

But we may at least voice the fond hope that this projected Seminary paper will not unduly shake the social order lest the Dies Committee place it on the index; nor presume to "plan" the menus of Mrs. Korn; nor sit in judgment on the vitamins in the manna of the Faculty.

Rather, let us foresee the day when some impecunious Junior will gather a harvest of quarters (nothing less) on Penn Square by selling "extras" with the latest news about the Kingdom, or a special edition with Dr. Sykns' magnum opus, or the time when my friend Dr. Paul Leinbach will lodge a vigorous complaint with the President of the Church that our Seminary paper competes with The Messenger.

Meanwhile, however, let us see how good a paper we can issue.

- Dr. Theodore F. Herman.

Greatness consists not in holding some high office; greatness really consists in doing some great deed with little means, in the ACCOMPLISHMENT of vast purposes from the PRIVATE RANKS of life.

- Russel Conwell.



Dr. Frantz suggests: -

"The Gospel Of The New Testament", by Grant.

(a hypocritical study)

"The Religion Of The New Testament", by Parsons.

(s summary of the teachings of the New Testament)

Dr. Harner suggests: -

"Can Religious Education Be Christian?", by Elliott.

(a newabnek, just off the press)

"The Church School And Worship", by Paulsen.

(a new and excellent study of the subject)

"The Star Gazer", by Harsanyi.

(a fascinating novel of the life of Galileo)

"New England: Indian Summer", by Brooks.

(the days of Henry Adams, Henry James, and Emily Dickinson)

A Book Review by Dr. Herman: -

"Our Knowledge Of God", by John Baillie.

An "undogmatic" persuasive book. It supports our knowledge of God not by arguments, classical or modern, but by our direct confrontation with him in history and personal experience. Among other striking features it contains a penetrating analysis of the famous Barth-Brunner controversy about the Image Dei in man, and the conclusion that on this particular issue Brunner's position is less true to life, and less tenable in Christian theology than that of the uncompromising Karl Barth.

-- SELFISHNESS --

A foolish hermit closed his door and said,
"I'll live a godly life untouched by sin."
Alas! who builds a wall about himself
Shuts out more of God than he shuts in.

THE



KEY HOLE

"The Seminarian" is deeply indebted to Dr. Bair for the donation of the paper that has been used in this issue - through his kindness this issue comes to you without any expense. Thanks, Dr. Bair.

The Bensalem Methodist Church recently celebrated its 130th anniversary - Kern is the present pastor.

Robinson is continuing his preaching each Wednesday evening at the Long Home in Lancaster.

Leonard accepted a supply-pastorate in the Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg - he started last Sunday.

The Lehigh Methodist Church which is served by Cathers is concerning itself with building improvements.

Wimer and Garner have begun a new racket "the record a month club" - it seems to be very successful.

The Snodgrass - Harner fund, according to recent reports, has been growing into great proportions.

A number of the Juniors occupy themselves with meetings at the house - whatever that means.

Strauch came through with flying colors today in the way in which he handled the doll-baby in Dr. Bair's class this morning.

Sykes has a thriving business in photography - he is spending his time taking pictures for the "Oraflamme".

Leonard - is still drumming up trade for Max the tailor (P.S. - this is a paid advertisement).

The editorial staff would like you to hand in bits of information about our respective students that might be of interest to the rest of the student-body.

A call has just come forth for a fourth at bridge - so the editors are forced to set aside their work because of social pressure.

* CHAPEL SCHEDULE *

Oct. 8, Hackman	Oct. 17, Link
9, Dr. Frantz	18, Rice
10, Holt	21, Rissinger
11, Kern	22, Robb
14, Leister	23, Dr. Herman
15, Leonard	24, Robinson
16, Dr. Harner	25, Royer

LOOKING



AHEAD

Oct. 8 - Society of Inquiry

Dr. Frantz will review "The Gospel of the Kingdom" by Grant. In this

book the author views the movement of primitive Christianity against its political, economic and religious background. This view of the gospel tradition is taken in the light of its earliest Jewish environment rather than in that of later ecclesiastical interpretation. Dr. Frantz will give his evaluation of the author's approach and conclusions.

OCT. 16 - Registration Day.

OCT. 22 - Paul Mautz, European traveler. Welfare Federation: pictures and talk. (tentative)

NOV. 5 - Discussion: "Conscription". (tentative)

NOV. 7 to 9 - The Interseminary Movement Conference; New Brunswick, New Jersey.

NOV. 19 - Rev. William L. Ludge, Pennsylvania Council of Churches. "The Organization, Its Structure and Function."

Please turn in your announcements and news copy early, your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.