

# The Seminarion



Ye are glad to see the Lord all the earth rejoice  
be jubilant and sing praises



\* OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES OF THE MINISTRY \*

by Roy L. Smith (continued)

**#2. "Arterio-Sclerosis Of The Emotions"**

Perhaps the disease most hideous in its effects is the one known as "Arterio-Sclerosis of the emotions". Much of the minister's work consists of dealing with the most sacred and intimate experiences of life. He is with people in the moments of their highest joys and their deepest pains. He baptizes their babies, marries their young people and buries their dead. From his hands they receive the sacred symbols of divine forgiveness about the communion table. In their presence he opens the sacred book and reads from its pages. Tales of tragedy, heartbreak and woe are poured constantly into his ears. He sits at the wedding feast and laughs, and stands beside the open grave to weep.

It is not strange, therefore, that he should become careless and callous in handling sacred things. Miners grow indifferent to the hazards of handling dynamite and preachers can be understood, if not excused, if they become professional in the performance of sacred ministries. Officiating at the third funeral of the day, the minister is apt to forget that, for the heartbroken friends about the sasket, this is the first funeral that has ever occurred.

**#3. "Hyperacidity Of The Sermon"**

One of the most disagreeable of these occupational diseases is "hyperacidity of the sermon". Under the impression that he is courageous it is



## EVIDENCE OF A FATHER'S CARE FOR HIS CHILDREN

### TEMPORAL CARE

"Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." - Luke 12:30.

- FOOD - Proverbs 30:8; Psalm 136:25; 1 Timothy 6:7,8.  
CLOTHING - Deuteronomy 29:5; Luke 12:28.  
SHELTER - Isaiah 32:18; Psalm 107:7.  
SECURITY - Job 11:16,19; Proverbs 1:33; 21:31.

### SPIRITUAL CARE

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33.

- FOOD - Jeremiah 15:16; John 6:32-35,51.  
CLOTHING - Isaiah 61:10; Luke 12:23.  
SHELTER - Psalm 61:3; John 14:2.  
SECURITY - 2 Timothy 2:19; 2 Peter 1:10,11.  
TEACHING - Isaiah 54:13; John 6:45.  
GUIDANCE - Isaiah 58:11; Matthew 4:19; John 16:13.  
CHASTENING - Hebrews 12:6,11; Revelation 3:19.  
SYMPATHY - Isaiah 53:4; Psalm 103:13;  
Matthew 11:28-30.  
FORGIVENESS - Isaiah 63:9; Psalm 103:12;  
Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:12.  
ENCOURAGEMENT - Isaiah 41:10; John 10:27-29;  
Luke 12:32.  
EVERLASTING LIFE - John 3:16.

... DEVOTIONAL READINGS ...

for the  
Coming Weeks

Nov. 19, 1 John 2:12-17	Nov. 26, Matt. 6:28-34
20, Psalm 150	27, Acts 20:28-38
21, Matt. 4:1-11	28, Matt. 7:7-12
22, 1 Cor. 9:23-27	29, Heb. 1:1-9
23, 2 Cor. 4:6-18	30, 1 Cor. 13
24, Heb. 2:1-8	Dec. 1, Psalm 139:1-12
25, 2 Tim. 6:28-34	2, Romans 7:15-25



THANKS FOR EVERYTHING

For all that God in mercy sends;  
For health and children, home and friends,  
For comfort in the time of need,  
For every kindly word and deed,  
For happy thoughts and holy talk,  
For Guidance in our daily walk,  
For everything give Thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,  
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,  
For song of birds; for hum of bees,  
For refreshing summer breeze,  
For hill and plain, for streams and wood,  
For the great ocean's mighty flood,  
For everything give Thank!

For sweet sleep which comes with night,  
For the returning morning's light,  
For the bright sun that shines on high,  
For the stars glittering in the sky,  
For these and everything we see  
O Lord, our hearts we lift to Thee,  
For everything give Thanks!



"O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; his lovingkindness endureth forever"

The Pilgrim Fathers set a good example for the American people in the observing of a thanksgiving day, and since 1863 every President of the United States has issued an annual Thanksgiving Proclamation. Every year, too, of our country's history has brought a bounty of blessings for which God ought to be thanked. The past year is no exception to the rule. As a nation and as individuals we have much cause for gratitude.

The old Anglo-Saxon 'thank' means think. Let us think of our blessings in such a way as to be moved to gratitude. Unthankfulness, it is said, is the cause of the earth's unfruitfulness. If nations and individuals lived closer to God, they would find God nearer to them. Our thanks-giving is not complete until it includes the solemn pledge of a better, a nobler, and a godlier life. The day of thanksgiving should be more than a mere holiday. It should be a Holy Day. Christian people are under the obligation to help make it such a day.



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all too easy for the preacher to become caustic. In an effort to be bold he is frequently brutal. He is apt to mistake abuse for prophecy and censoriousness for helpfulness.

\* If ever there was a time for a comforting, heartening message from the pulpit now is the time. With banks failing, fortunes evaporating, savings disappearing, mortgages foreclosing, factories idle, securities worthless and credit gone, the people are in desperate need of some positive word of faith that will put solid ground under their feet. Men who have earnestly endeavored to live righteously all their lives sit in their pews Sunday morning dividing their attention between the sermon and the prospect of an imminent collapse of their lifetime's effort to provide for old age. Without blinding himself to the faults of the economic system which allows such catastrophes, the preacher in his pulpit faces the greatest opportunity to proclaim a positive faith in the survival of the spiritual values that any preacher of the Christian Church has ever known. Nothing is so disastrous, just now, as hyperacidity of the sermon.

\*NOTE - This article was written in 1933, but in view of wars and hatreds thriving today the challenge remains.

Thank the 8 Key-Lake -

Since there are only four first tenors on the choir Dr. Sykes doesn't want us to injure Bartholomew, Sneed, Garner, and Helm, the last two were elected ass't manager and secretary respectively - Sunday evening Standt preached at a Y.P.'s service in his church - After the election Boltz still wore his Willkie button, but Leister put his Roosevelt pin away in moth balls to be used again in 4 years - Last week Dr. DeLong's lecture was so impressive that it knocked Rissinger off his chair - All are glad to see Haas back in the dorm again. We hear that while he was at the hospital he preached on Matt. 9:6b - Dilliard, Andreas, Boltz and several others have already received their selective service draft papers - Strunk is working at Garvin's - Link is the supply-minister at Richlandtown since the death of the pastor - The last 2 Sunday evenings Robinson spoke to St. Luke's Y.P. on "How the Pacifist looks at the War". - Does Trexler go home with Billmyer so often to find the fraternity pin he "lost in Doylestown"? - Sunday, Leister was the program leader at a Youth Fellowship at Grace Church, Hanover, where the topic was "Can we follow Jesus today?" - Yearick is working at Sear's - Robb is an usher at the Fulton - Boltz preached in York on Sunday - We wonder why Holt gave up his seat on Sunday noon. What might have been the attraction at the other table? - It seems strange not to see Buege's 1960 Buick standing on Pine St. Maybe he likes the Pontiac as much as the owner?? - The sparks really flew on Sunday when Kleinfelter hit Holt's cigar with his little toy gun - Dilliard proved himself a very good orderly this weekend as he took excellent care of the

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- CHAPEL SCHEDULE -

Nov. 20, Dr. Frantz	Dec. 6, Flocken
21, Boltz	9, Garner
22, Cathers	10, Haas
23, Coulter	11, Dr. Bair
26, Davis	12, Hackman
27, Dr. Harner	13, Holt
	16, Kern
Dec. 2, Dilliard	17, Leister
3, Ehrhart	18, Dr. Delong
4, Dr. Herman	19, Leonard
5, Feather	20, Link



## calendar

November 19th -- Dr. William L. Ludge, the Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, will speak. Brief reports will be given by the delegates to the Interseminary Conference at New Brunswick.

The Thanksgiving Recess begins on November 27th at noon, and ends December 2nd.

December 3rd -- Gert Schelansky, a refugee student from Germany, will speak.

Devotional articles, poetry, and news of student activities will be gratefully received by the Editors.

Sincere Thanks is expressed for the interest in which the Faculty received the suggestion to buy a mimeo-graphing machine. We are now able to boast of our own printing department.