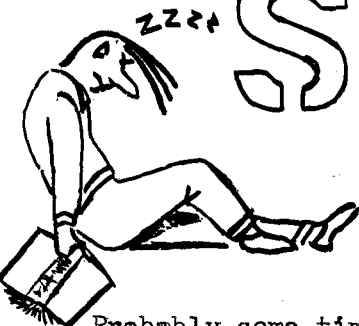


# SEMINARIAN



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Probably some time in your life you have made the very blunt statement, "If I were a preacher, I would never preach about money from the pulpit". This was a natural reaction because everytime the Communion envelopes came around all you heard were complaints like, "All the church ever wants is money". For example, there was one couple that was approached and asked about their new pastor's virtues. One quickly said, "O, he's wonderful; he never asks for money in church". The other just as quickly added, "Yes, but now we get a pastoral letter almost every week."

Needless to say, most of us have been forced to change our opinions about the place of money in the church. I think we have all been influenced by Dr. Meck's maxim that "Giving money to the church is giving part of yourself". The sweat of your brow and the work of your hands made it possible for you to give to the church. I think that is what Paul had in mind when he said that his hands ministered to his necessities and to others who were within him.

When Paul went out on a campaign to collect an offering for the poor in Jerusalem, he said it was superfluous for him to talk about the offering for the Saints in Jerusalem, because they all knew about it and their Christian Spirit would move them to contribute as they were able to. So it is superfluous for us to say that we have a Benevolent Budget here at Lancaster Seminary because you know about it and you should be contributing toward the goal which was established by the Finance Commission and approved at a general meeting of the Society of Inquiry.

A budget of \$1000 was established for the entire year. We are now in the 6th week of the Winter Term. In other words, the year is one half over and up to now we have received about \$125.00 toward our budget. Not quite 2/10 of the amount even though the term is more than 5/10 over. Each one of the offerings received thus far this year was far below the estimate.

I know the student's money is scarce and I know that some synod members have told our students not to pay benevolences. I also know that we are giving services of time and ability to the church. But most of these services are well paid for. At the same time we also have a financial obligation to support our Benevolent fund. Soon we will be Pastors struggling in behalf of our local church, our denomination, and our people so that they will witness by contributing to Benevolence, World Service, and other worthwhile projects. What are we going to say when our consistory men jump us to report only communing members so they will not have to pay so much Benevolence? What will we say when we are told that before we can pay benevolence we must first pay our local congregation's debt on a new building? What will we say when we are told by a family that they need every cent they can earn to pay off the mortgage on their new home and then they go and buy a new car, join the country club, or spend the night in a saloon? What will we say? unless we can in all truthfulness say from personal experience, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

The goal for each communion service is \$60.00 and at the two which we have had we averaged only \$42.00. The goal for our Advent Offerings was \$80 and we received only \$27.00. In the remaining weeks of the school year we will have several opportunities to give to the Benevolent Budget for the greater work of our Lord. The Lenten Penny Banks are now on the tables in the Refectory and in the possession of students living out of the dorm. We are asking you to contribute a penny a meal at least, but anyone is free to contribute more than this. Each Monday during Lent a special offering will be received. If we are to reach our goal for the year each of us needs to assume his share of the responsibility during the coming weeks. In addition to the Lenten offerings and Penny Banks you will have several other opportunities to support the Benevolent Program.

There will be one more Communion Offering and the Middler Class project. You can place contributions in the Chapel Box at any time. Over and above this I would like to challenge each and every student to give one preaching assignment or week-end pay back to our Benevolent Budget. Let's make the thermometer burst!



F We welcome Rev. A. Gail Holt of St.  
 R Luke's Church as the preacher at our First  
 O Monday Afternoon Lenten Service. Next  
 M Monday, February 27th, Rev. David C. Mark  
 of Faith Church will be with us. The  
 offering at these services will go to meet  
 the school's benevolence budget.  
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 D Rev. Matthew Thies of the Class of  
 E 1946 visited our campus on Tuesday, February  
 A 14th, with two of his associates on the  
 N staff of the Dodge House, Detroit.  
 S Following the chapel service, at which he  
 spoke, he interviewed a number of students  
 interested in the summer program for the  
 training of workers in the "inner city"  
 ministry.

DESK!

Registration for Spring Term courses, begun on Wednesday, February 8th, has been completed with the exception of William Barr of the Middle Class, who had to return home on doctor's orders with what looked much like a case of mumps.

The following are the Spring Term Enrollments for the elective courses:

JUNIOR: NT 22:24; NT 38:17; ST 44: 23; NT 214: 6  
 MIDDLE: OT 4: 7; PT 54: 13; PT 61: 22; RC 73: 12; OT 203: 3; FW 255: 5  
 SENIOR: OT 8: 11; ST 47:6; PT 54: 11; PT 56: 15; PT 60: 23  
 TOTAL figures for Spring Term: Seniors: 25; Middlers: 31; Juniors: 26; M.R.E.: 6  
 Special: 3; TOTAL: 91

As noted on the Spring Term Schedule, Dr. Shaffer will give his course (60) on Evangelism on the first five Wednesdays of the term - two hours each day. Faith Church, Philadelphia, is sending him and Mrs. Shaffer on a trip to the Holy Land on which they will be sailing April 18.

FACULTY EXCURSIONS: Professor Gable led a group of M.R.E. students, viz. Misses Germ, Wright and Byers and Mr. Stats to the Annual Meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches at Cincinnati last week, February 10-16.

Professor Moss participated in the Religious Emphasis Program at Heidelberg College last week.

Professor Vassady will attend the meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches in Pittsburgh, Tuesday through Thursday, February 21-23.

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Lenten Wednesday Evening Meditations will be held from 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. each Wednesday during the Lenten Season. On February 22, Bill Harner will conduct a Hymn Sing and on February 9 Al Rohrbaugh will be in charge of a Guided Meditation with Organ. Two such services will follow; the first on March 7, under Dan Kratz and the next on March 21, under Dean Dunn. It is sincerely hoped that each member of the Seminary Family will attend these services.

Paul H. Curvey



## CHOIR NEWS

The first concert of the season was held at St. John's Church, Lansdale, Pa., on Feb. 7. The choir left the Seminary at 3:30 and returned about 11:30 after a slight delay because of mechanical difficulty with the bus. The singers enjoyed a fine roast beef dinner before the performance.

The second concert was at Zwingli Church, East Berlin, Pa. The departure time was 4:15 on Feb. 14. A delicious turkey dinner preceded the performance. The choir arrived back at the Seminary at 10:30.

Tomorrow night's concert will be at Locust Grove Church, Hellam, Pa. Departure time is 5:30. On Feb. 28 there will be a performance at Christ Church, Leck Kill, Pa. The bus will leave at 3:30.

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ADVERTISEMENT\*\*\*\*\*Bruce Wickkiser announces the opening of a modern cleaning service on March 19. Hygienic dusting with electronic dust-tracers are part of his service. His token fee is only \$1.00 per room. For details, call at Room 216, Richards Hall. Prices are subject to revision in case of economic fluctuation.

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## SEMINARY SPORTS

Seminary #1 has continued its victory streak after dropping the 1st game of the season.

The Seminary won last Monday night - rather they lost - let's say they won and lost. Seminary #1 sneaked out a victory over Seminary #2. Although Seminary #2 showed great Spirit and had Seminary #1 worried for a while, #1 put on the steam and coasted to a 53-19 victory. Many thanx to Dr. Englert for officiating.

Seminary #1, by winning by forfeit and beating previously undefeated city #3, 66 to 48 Thursday, posts a 5 - 1 record. Seminary #2 boasts a similar record 1 - 5.

Next games: Seminary #1 - Feb. 20

Seminary #2 - Feb. 21

Box Score - Feb. 16

Cress - 20  
Gockley - 20  
Rader - 9  
Gerber - 12  
Aregood - 2  
Baylor - 2  
The Spook - 1  
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Dart Baseball will be resumed March 20, when we are hosts to the Mountville club. We had a great time last year. Join the fun this year. Dr. Englert and Walt Long have the two highest averages in Dart Ball. I have a sneaky suspicion that someone practices. So it goes.

The Bowling League is over. The Faculty squeaked through by one point to win the championship. You'll find a full account of the season and individual averages on the Dorm bulletin Board. Check the averages, you can tell who the scholars are, (17 and under). Dr. Loss just makes the grade.)

I have been informed that the Seminary is not permitted to enter the College Ping Pong league as we did last year. Instead, we'll try to have a league in the Seminary itself.

Spring will soon be in the air. We can resume Volley Ball and warm up for softball. Why be different - you too can jamb a finger ! Let's see you out there.

P.S. \*\*\* We understand that Dr. Englert dusted off the books and came up with a really obsolete ruling in the game last Monday. When Jack Aregood came in as a substitute, Dr. Englert called a technical foul on him for not reporting to the referee. Deacon stormed out onto the floor and protested (rightly so) that substitutes no longer needed to report to the official. This rule had been changed about five years ago. Dr. Englert admitted his mistake, but gleefully called a technical on Deacon for being on the floor. This was not conducive to calming Deacon.

Jim (the Calvin Scholar) Bright

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THANX TO POSEY AND RON WHITEBRED FOR PREPARING THIS ISSUE - ED.

YOUR ROVING REPORTER

The question of the form of worship has sometimes, in the past, led to open disagreement; but more often than not, it reflects a personal opinion on the part of each individual. We are faced by two "extremes" - that of strict liturgical worship and of free worship - and possibly a "compromise" position somewhere between the two. The degree of that "compromise" depends on you:

RANK McCALL, Senior:

"I like a liturgical service. There is more congregational participation here and I think that it is more in keeping, otherwise, with the orderliness of God's creation. I believe that many people who do not prefer the liturgical service feel that the unintelligent cannot worship this way. We are put to shame by our Roman Catholic brethren where rich and poor all worship in the same type of service throughout the world, while WE limp along with a variety of types of services."

ROBERT D. MYERS, Middler:

"I'd definitely prefer the non-liturgical type of service, because I can gain a greater worshipful experience this way. I find that strict liturgy stands in the way of my reaping the true inspiration of worship."

WACK AREGOOD, Junior:

"I would stand more or less in the middle of the road, with a possible leaning toward a liturgical service, because I think a FORM to worship tends to lead to a more reverent expression. However, I also recognize the need for FREE expression."

JOHN KRATZ, Middler:

"I would prefer a "mixed" service. We should avoid the extreme of Romanism and we should avoid the extreme of doing things with no decent order."

BOB BARROLL, Senior:

"I would prefer a non-liturgical type of service. The reason for this is that a congregation can participate more readily in this type of service - (as, for example) a service which is void of liturgical chants, which usually are chanted by choirs. My personal feelings, however, do not enter into my church work in this respect. If I were in a liturgical situation, I would use liturgy familiar to the people and would not press my personal desires upon them."

PAUL MILLER, Middler:

"I think that I would stand, more or less, in the middle of the road, and my reason for this is simply the avoiding of the extremes involved."

JOHN TUREK, Junior:

"I would prefer the non-liturgical type of service, but I can worship under both types. I suppose that since I've been brought up in a church with more or less of a free worship service, this greatly influenced my choice."

A middle position seems to be favorable to most people, and this simply for the reason of avoiding the two extremes of strict and free liturgy. As has been noted, however, liturgy familiar to the people involved is the best choice, whether it be free, strict or mixed.

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CRYPTOGRAM by Olkkfb

Last issue's answer: Hebrews 11:8

EB ZXJB QL EFP LTK ELJB, XKA EFP LTK MBLMIB OBZBFSBA EFJ KLQ. YRQ QL XII TEL

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ODDS and ENDS .... Hal Schoup reminds Juniors that applications for Bookstore Manager are now being accepted .... welcome back to the MRE's and our wandering profs .... Carl Reps' selection of chairs last Tuesday really took the cake (a "door prize") .... as this issue went to press it was uncertain when Bill Barr would return to Seminary. He has a bad case of mumps. We wish him a speedy recovery .... J.G. knows two young ladies in East Berlin if anyone's interested .... support the Benevolent Fund!