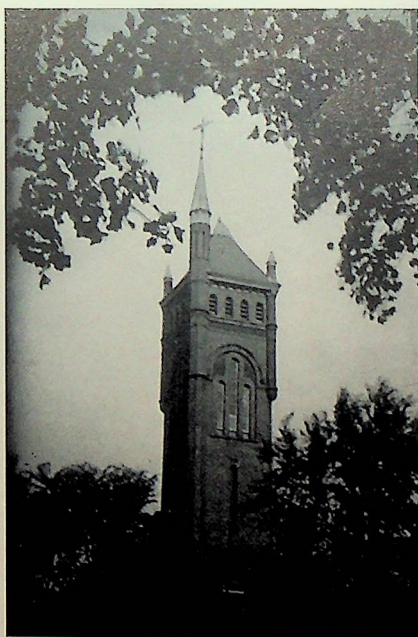


The Theological Seminary  
of the  
Evangelical and Reformed Church



LANCASTER ★ PENNSYLVANIA







## Historical Sketch

The Theological Seminary is the oldest school in our Church, rich in its traditions and famed for great teachers. It is the training school for spiritual leaders, meeting the demands of the Church for an educated ministry. This school has created a ministerial brotherhood whose fellowship it is a privilege and joy to share.

Carlisle, York, Mercersburg, Lancaster are historic names, marking characteristic eras in our history. The Seminary was founded in 1825, located at Carlisle (1825-1829), at York (1829-1837), at Mercersburg (1837-1871), at Lancaster, Pa., in the main building of Franklin and Marshall College, from 1871 to 1891; finally in the group of buildings which it now occupies. The Seminary was granted a charter 1831, and is now under the supervision of a Corporation of 18 laymen and a Board of Visitors of 13 ministers. These officers are elected by General Synod. The Professors are elected by the Corporation, endorsed by the Board of Visitors and confirmed by the General Synod. The office of the President was established in 1921.

Just to name the Professors is enough—Drs. Mayer, Rauch, Nevin, Schaff, Reilly, Wolff, Gerhart, Apple, Higbee, Harbaugh, Rupp, Gast, Bowman, Richards, Schaeffer, Noss, DeLong, Herman, Bromer, Bair, and the Professors now teaching in the school of the prophets—Drs. Frantz, Harner, Dunn, Englert, Sayres, Beaver, Kosman and Meck.

From this school 1656 graduates went forth as ministers of the Gospel of God in Jesus Christ; 622 of them are now in active service, while 508 of them are active pastors in the parishes of the thirteen Synods, the natural constituency of the Seminary.

Under the charter, amended in 1944, the Corporation, consisting of 18 laymen, holds the property and administers the financial affairs of the institution. The Board of Visitors, consisting of 13 ministers, oversees the educational work, and is responsible for the spiritual interests of the Seminary. The confessional standards are the Heidelberg Catechism, Luther's Catechism and the Augsburg Confession. They are accepted as an authoritative interpretation of the essential truth taught in the Holy Scriptures. The final norm, however, is the Word of God.

The Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia handles the financial affairs of the Seminary. The School has an endowment of a million dollars, the income of which is used for current expenses, library fund, and student aid. The Seminary is subsidized by the General Synod. The students pay no tuition; they pay \$300 per year for room and board. Our Church has always demanded an educated ministry. We belong to the Association of Accredited Seminaries in the United States. Our graduates receive the Bachelor of Divinity degree.





The Quadrangle



Dormitory

Refectory





## The Purpose of the Seminary

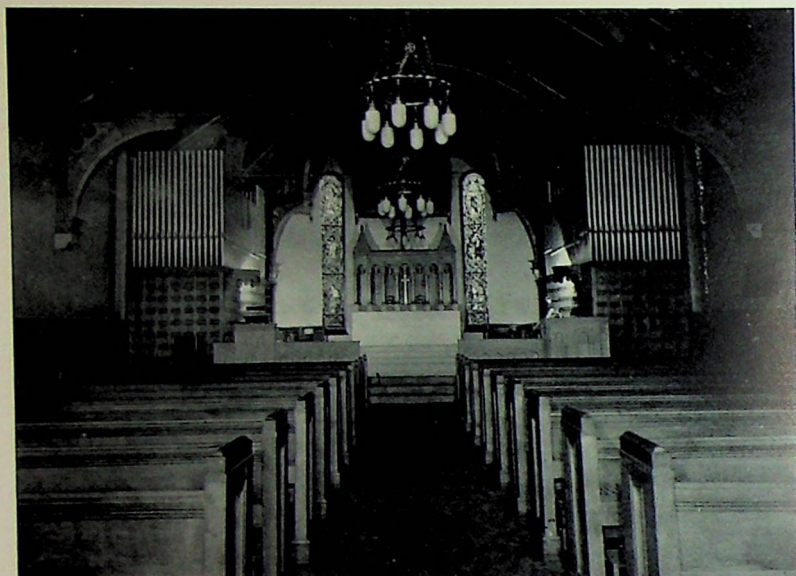
The aim of the Seminary is to train men for the Christian ministry, the purpose of which is to make the will of God, as revealed in Christ, prevail in human life through men and women who cooperate in the churches for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

The student for the ministry, therefore, in his three years' course is to be given: (1) a thorough knowledge of the Christian religion in its Biblical, historical, doctrinal, and practical phases; (2) the ability to interpret the abiding truth, as it is in Jesus Christ, in the language of our age, and to understand its relation to the scientific, historical, and democratic spirit of our times; (3) efficient training in the practical promotion of the Kingdom of God through the Church by the application of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the manifold individual and social needs of mankind; (4) knowledge and training in the art of cultus so as to be able to lead his people in their efforts to find enrichment of the religious life in and through worship in the sanctuary.

Accordingly the endeavor of the Faculty is to blend in the curriculum the theoretical and the practical disciplines; to avoid, on the one hand, mere pedantry, and, on the other, mere sentimental pietism; at the same time to prepare thoroughly educated and consecrated Christian men, approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.

To this end branches of study that have been common to the seminaries in the past have been substantially preserved—the interpretation of the Bible on the basis of a working knowledge of the Hebrew and the Greek languages, and, from the standpoint of its origin and setting in the ancient oriental world; a survey of the history of Christianity, a systematic and rational presentation of Christian doctrine; and thorough training in the various disciplines of practical theology.

To meet the conditions of our changing culture and civilization, and to train ministers who are prepared to aid in the solution of our perplexing problems, new courses have been provided in the history of religions, the psychology and philosophy of religion, religious education, rural sociology, missions, sacred music, and ecumenics. Special attention is given to the preparation and delivery of sermons, the conduct of worship and the administration of the affairs of urban and rural parishes.



Santee Chapel



Dietz Hall





Richards Hall and Dietz Hall



Library - - West Wing

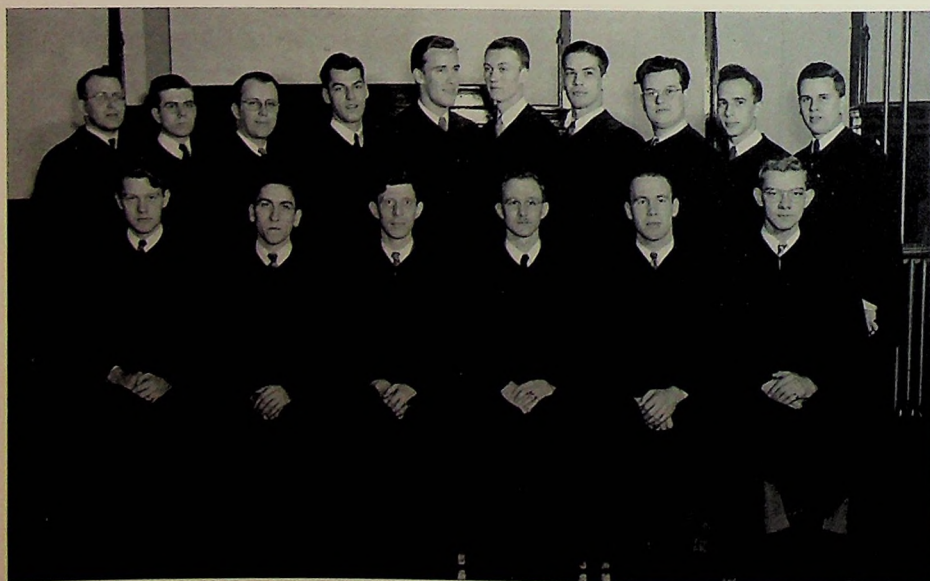


## The Trustees



*Front row, left to right:* Clarence E. Zimmerman, Reuben J. Butz, H. Wilson Lark, Dr. Amos B. Schnader, Dr. George W. Hartman, Victor A. Barnhart.  
*Second row:* Samuel E. Baschore, John C. Krebs, C. A. Wills, William E. Alexander, Judge T. Roberts Appel, John A. Kunz, Isaac C. Eberly, Paul F. Schminke, Dr. Robert L. Schaeffer; *Insets:* Judge D. J. Snyder, Marshall R. Anspach.

## Choir





## The Faculty



*Front row:* Donald M. C. Englert, David Dunn, Allan S. Meck, Oswin S. Frantz, Nevin C. Harner.

*Second row:* C. George Bachman, Paul T. Stonesifer, Frank A. McConnell, William F. Kosman, Alfred N. Sayres, R. Pierce Beaver.

## The Senior Class







The Middle  
Class



The Junior  
Class



The Dormitory  
Council





The Society  
of  
Inquiry

The Basketball  
Team



Ping-pong





Dr. Dunn's House



Dr. Englert's House



Dr. Meck's House



Dr. Beaver's House



Mr. Trout's House  
(CARETAKER)





Dr. Frantz's House - Dr. Harner's House



Dr. Sayres's first floor  
Dr. Kosman's second floor





DR. RICHARDS — DR. HERMAN — DR. MECK



Dr. Sayres recording student's sermon  
on the Sound Mirror.



MRS. BLANCHE S. GROFF  
*Stewardess*



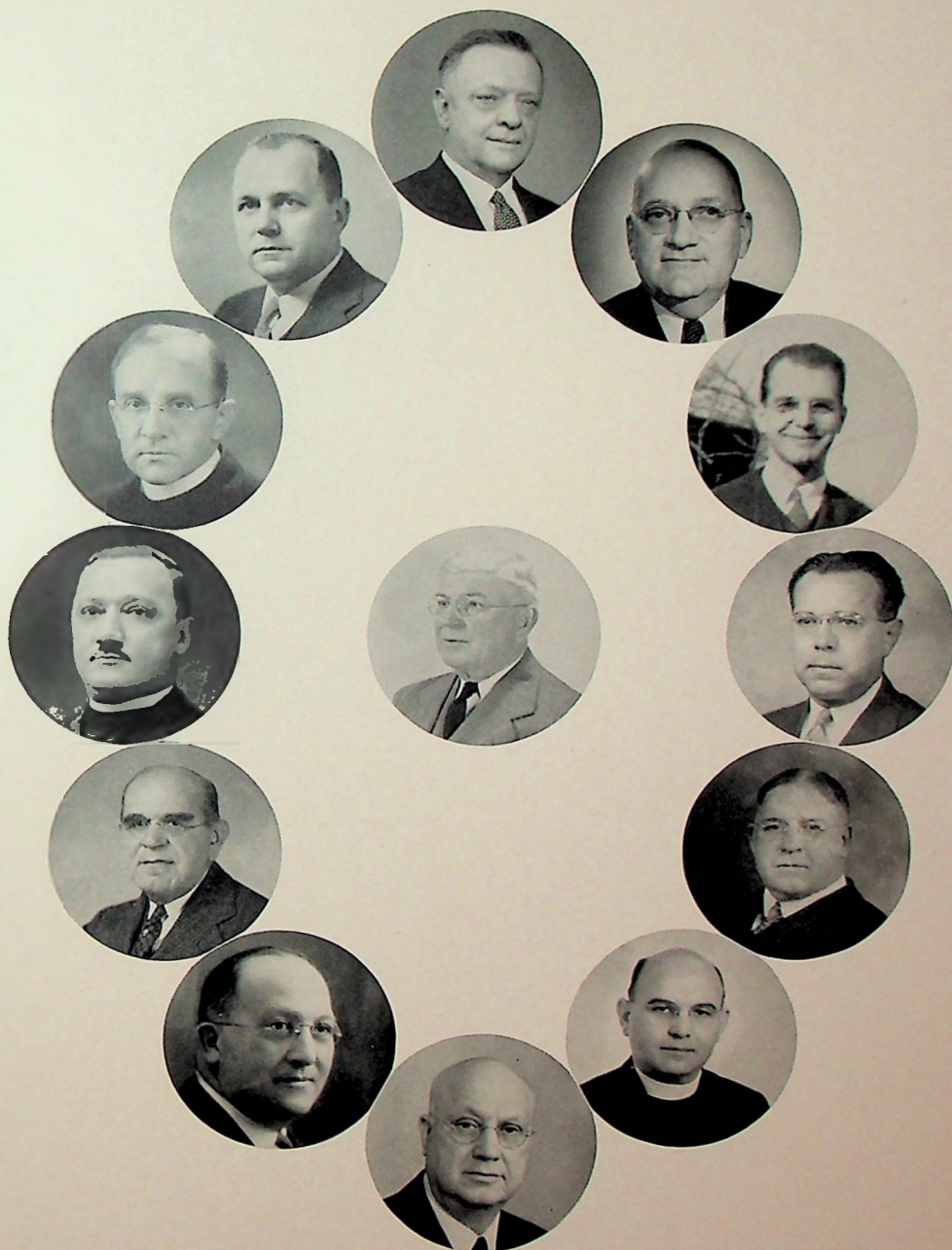
DOROTHY JANE KORN, A.M.  
*Secretary to the President*



Dr. Sayres evaluating student's sermon, as it is  
played back on the Sound Mirror.



## The Board of Visitors



*Reading clockwise:* Rev. Titus A. Alspach, D.D.; Rev. Harry D. Althouse, D.D.; Rev. Albert S. Asendorf; Rev. Henry I. Aulenbach; Rev. Paul J. Dundore, Ph.D., D.D.; Rev. Howard S. Fox, D.D.; Rev. Aaron M. Gluck, D.D.; Rev. Carl G. Haass; Rev. John Lentz, D.D.; Rev. Clarence T. Moyer; Rev. George L. Roth, D.D.; Rev. Ernest J. Stassburger; *center*, Rev. Floyd R. Shafer, D.D., President Board of Visitors.

# The Theological Seminary

## Patron Fellowship Fund

The Theological Seminary at Lancaster is establishing a Patron Fellowship Fund in behalf of the current expenses of the School of the Prophets. The staff here at the School are partners in the active work of teaching and in administrative functions. Just like many colleges have loyalty funds so we are looking forward to have many patrons supporting our work. The Seminary is a benevolent institution. We derive no money from the student body toward the expenses of the School, outside of room and board. In these days of shrinking income from endowment we need patrons who believe in training spiritual and moral leaders for the local parishes in our beloved Zion.

What does it involve, becoming a patron? An *annual contribution* toward the expenses of the School. What amount? Just what you make it. That amount may be large, medium or small—all will be appreciated. This appeal goes to our alumni and to a host of friends of the institution. When should it be paid? At your convenience. Those who make *annual contributions* will be counted as members of the Patron Fellowship Fund. Join the group who believe in trained spiritual and moral leaders. A Seminary grows from the efforts and gifts of many people.



## The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Theological Seminary

EVANGELICAL and REFORMED CHURCH  
LANCASTER, PA.

The Seminary at Lancaster is the training school of young men and women for the ministry of the Gospel of God in Jesus Christ. Our church always stood for an educated ministry. The School was founded in 1825 and graduated 1636 men who became spiritual and moral leaders in the local community.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is founded to interest the women of our Church in behalf of the Seminary and to keep the claims of the Christian ministry before the mothers and women of our church. Womanhood helps to guide the youth of our nation.

There will be a *key woman* in each district (like Lancaster, Baltimore, York, Reading, Allentown, Harrisburg, etc.) who will solicit a helper in each congregation of her district, enrolling women in the local church who will

### GIVE ONE DOLLAR ANNUALLY

toward the current expenses of the Seminary. One of our sister Seminaries received more than \$11,000 through one dollar contributions from the auxiliary members. What others can do, we can do in behalf of Christian leadership.

Annual Banquets will be held in respective districts when the auxiliary members meet to break bread and hear an outstanding leader, concerning the claims of the ministry and the Seminary.

When you are asked to join the auxiliary, be ready to come into a group which stands for an educated ministry.

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### FORM OF BEQUEST

I hereby give to the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the sum of ..... Dollars to be placed in the Endowment Fund, the income of which shall be used for current expenses.

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