



# The Seminarian

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## ENSLIN HOLDS TO ASV AT RSV OBSERVANCE

In an address to the Seminarians in London's observance of the appearance of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Dr. Horton S. Enslin, Professor at Greater Theological Seminary, left listeners doubtful and disappointed in his view of the new revision. Various opinions expressed after his presentation mirrored feelings that the noted New Testament scholar had offered an over-critical analysis of the merits of the newly revised Bible. Realizing that the day marked a celebration of progress in religious circles, the speaker seemed to ignore the spirit of much of his audience and found more to criticize than to praise in his examination of the RSV.

In an attitude recalling Augustin's caustic quips to the British Lords, W. Enslin traced the many attempts which have been made toward the securing of an understandable and accurate Bible text.

Problems of "The Translator and His Text" were clearly pointed out, but Dr. Enslin failed to mention the RSV until his concluding remarks. Then he only said that he had not yet found in it the tool he had hoped for. He admitted, however, that he thought it "was good for general reading purposes." Dr. Enslin seemed to lay praise on the American Standard Version rather than on the version whose appearance his address was to observe.

The importance of continual search for a better translation and revision is recognized by many who heard Dr. Enslin's address. However, many Seminarians also agree with the belief of the scholars who revised the Bible text as it is written in the preface to the new version: "The Bible is more than a historical document to be preserved. It must stand forth in language that is direct and plain and meaningful to people today."

## KELLY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCED

After the death of John J. Kelly who had been enrolled as a junior at the Seminary, his former Catawba College classmates started plans for a project which would become a memorial to their friend. The decision was made to collect funds for the purchase of books in the religious field which would be placed in the Catawba Library. At the first meeting of the Society of Inquiry this fund was opened to all students at the Seminary who were interested in making contributions. As soon as the books to be purchased were decided upon, and arrangements completed, the memorial will be placed in the Catawba Library.

## GROUNDS TO BE LIGHTED

The work which has been going on here on the seminary campus is a senior class project which was decided upon last year. Digging now being done is for the installation of lights for the driveway and the campus which the seniors will purchase as their contribution to the seminary.

## Dean Dunn Reports on Lund Conference

The third ecumenical conference on Faith and Order met at Lund, Sweden, August 15-20. It was my great privilege to attend as one of the two representatives of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Professor Allen O. Miller of Eden Seminary was the other. President-emeritus George W. Richards, pioneer leader in the ecumenical movement in its twentieth century stages was invited to participate as a consultant and became my "Tolstoloverad."

We sailed on the Nieuw Amsterdam on July 22nd and spent ten days in Switzerland before joining the gathering hosts in the province of Skane in southern Sweden.

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What question that many ask, "What did you accomplish there?" asking usually, "How many churches did you unite?" rests on a misconception of the nature and purpose of the conference. No more than the World Council of which it is a part is Faith and Order a body that can legislate for its constituent churches. The most that can be achieved in such gatherings is an ever-growing texture of personal relationships that will bring the communions to which we belong into more understanding and co-operative connection with each other. But of this do come actual church unions. (A pamphlet by Bishop Stephen Neill which was one of the conference documents, "Toward Church Union, 1937 to 1952", records thirty-nine instances of unions achieved or in progress of negotiation during that period.

This was the first Faith and Order conference held since the organization of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam in 1948. The two previous ones were those convened at Lausanne, Switzerland, (1927) and Edinburgh, Scotland, (1937). (Dr. Richards was active in both of these; the late Dr. Harner at Edinburgh.) One of the actions taken at the Lund Conference was to co-ordinate the Faith and Order activities into the structure of the World Council as to render unlikely the calling of another conference apart from the regular assemblies of the Council. (The report of the Lund Conference will be made to the Second Assembly when it meets in Evanston, Illinois, 1954.

About 230 of the expected 250 delegates of the co-operating churches were present in addition to about 50 consultants and fraternal visitors. The Roman Catholic Church was represented by four or five (non-official, of course) observers. In addition to the various Protestant communions there were delegates from the Coptic, the Mar Thoma (India), the Old Catholic, the Eastern Orthodox of several national groups, the Assyrian and the Polish National Catholic Churches. The varieties of color, race and practice though interesting, did not blind the thoughtful observer to the underlying fact that all these followers of Christ were

showing an essential unity of purpose by coming together. Once together in prayer and worship, in discussion and social fellowship, we could not but feel under all our differences the unifying force, the Spirit of the Lord of the Church.

In the old Cathedral of Lund, whose foundations were laid in the 12th century, were held not only the great Sunday services, but a worship service each morning, conducted by representatives of varying types of Christian tradition and cultus - all the way from the Eastern Orthodox to the Society of Friends. From the cathedral on week day mornings the delegates would move to the Aula of the University for plenary sessions or the classroom for meetings of the five secretaries of these commissions.

The Church (Her relation to Christ, Her continuity as Her God-ordained unity), another considered ways of worship, and a third, the vexing problem of Inter-Communion. One respect in which Lund is thought by many to have gone beyond the previous Faith and Order conferences is the way in which it sought to go behind a mere comparison of differences and attempts to understand them, to a study of the origins of our Faith in Christ Jesus and to the bearing of His life on the questions that divide the Church today.

Of still greater promise than the advances already made were the "divine impatience" and qualities of leadership shown by representatives of the so-called "younger-churches", some of them coming out of the older cultures of the Near, Middle, and Far East and from Africa and the "Isles of the Sea." "Are the barriers between us barriers erected by God?" was the insistent question which they pressed. "If not, then faced as we are by crises and by our dire need of a united front and a united heart, let us pray God to help us take them down." Despite the handicaps sensed at Lund, "dominational baggage" and divisive traditions, the delegate who writes these words is convinced that this challenge from the Field of Christian Missions will not have been sounded in vain. ....Dr. David Mann

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. Eph 4:4-6.

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## MACKAY SPEAKS ON MISSIONS

Delivered September 13 in Santee Chapel as the Schneider Memorial Lecture on Mission, Dr. John Mackay's message truly came as from the heart of Germany - on a crystal set! Although he failed to bring it to tiers of straining listeners on the fringe, Princeton Seminary's president built his address upon live insights born at Willegan, Germany, site of last summer's convocation of the International Missionary Movement.

### APPEALS TO ECUMENICITY

The lecturer declared that the Church first "must be one" - its unity in spirit is essential to its world program. Moreover, the Church itself must be the mission. It ought everywhere to align itself with the missionary movement, "the arrowhead of the Church."

### STRESSES NEED FOR 'MOBILITY'

Chief among Dr. Mackay's convictions from Willegan is that "the Church must be mobile." "The world revolt which continues since 1910," he said, "has crumbled stable institutions. And so churches today are found in the road, in the bush, and beyond the frontier." To minister to areas in hottest turmoil, Mrs. Mackay urged the ordination of natives who know their local situation, as well as a volunteer celibate clergy, for hazardous assignments.

## Choir Looks to Year Ahead

New students joined the "veterans" of last year's choir, filling in the gaps and swelling the ranks to that of forty-five. The first meeting was held Sept. 23rd.

All new music has been secured for this year, and the choir looks forward to a very successful year. Practices of these first few weeks will be sectional in order to speed learning of the new music. Short trips will be made during the Lenten period to Pennsylvania churches, and a Spring tour is planned, covering churches in North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland.

## LIBRARIAN SPEAKS TO SOCIETY OF INQUIRY

On September 21, Dr. Stonesifer presented some historical data to the Society of Inquiry concerning the founding and growth of the organization. Dr. Stonesifer is a very busy librarian here at the Seminary - he's the only one here. However important, the "notes" which he used seemed unusually well organized. (Any student so desiring can find these "notes" in:

History of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Lancaster, Penna.

....Dr. George W. Richards Chapter XVIII Extra-curricular activities, pp. 140-149.

This section of the book was compiled along with chapter XVII, by Dr. Stonesifer, himself, which rules out his good-humored apology for unpreparedness.

With concealed art, he brought out the unconscious humour found in some theological schemes of students in the past. In all seriousness (I think) he suggested that we might learn many of the interests upon the minds of the former students by compiling the vast amount of material such as past "minutes" of the society. Dr. Stonesifer suggested that perhaps the subject might be great enough for a possible thesis or two. (See Dr. Dunn) We suggest without reservation that all students read the brief account of the Society of Inquiry in Dr. Richard's book.

## DEAN - O - GRAMS

Members of the Junior Class, together with the wives of the "benedict" among them will be guests of the Faculty and Faculty wives at a very informal "welcome party" in the refectory on Wednesday evening, October eighth from 8 - 10 o'clock. If for any reason the student or his wife cannot come, Professor Moss or Dean Dunn should be advised by Monday evening that they may know how many and whom to expect.

Regular faculty meetings are being held during this school year on the first Friday of each month in the Board Room at 1:30 p.m. Communications to the faculty from individuals, classes, or other student groups should be brought through Dean Dunn, Professor Englert, or Professor Moss, according as the matter concerns, respectively, the curriculum, the dormitory, or the general activities of the school. Note the Seminary Roster attached to the bulletin boards. Please advise Professor Englert of changes in your address or phone number.

## Fall Communion Celebrated

A simple, impressive communion service was conducted on Santee Chapel on Thursday evening. The Fall celebration of the Eucharist was administered by the Rev Robert Moss and Dr. Alfred Sayres. They were assisted by Richard Shellenberger. Mrs. Kenneth D. Sell served as organist. Many members of the Seminary family and their friends participated in the worship.

## BILLY JOE AT HEAD

At its first meeting of the year, the Dormitory Council elected its officers. Billy Joe Leonard was chosen to head the organization as its Monday night session got under way. The official slate was completed with the selection of Steve Madi as vice-president and Willard Letzel as secretary-treasurer.

Turning to athletics, the group decided to investigate insuring the dormitory sports program. Dr. Anclert was requested to ask the Director of Athletics at Franklin and Marshall whether some sort of a blanket insurance policy could be obtained in conjunction with the college program.

It was suggested that all the recreational facilities and equipment of the dormitory could be gathered together and administered by one person, to be appointed. Materials would have to be signed out for use. Definite action was deferred until a later meeting.

## NEW STUDENTS MATRICULATED DR. SAYRES OUTLINES 'GREAT WORK'

The new students at the Seminary became duly matriculated on Monday, Sept. 22, during the regular assembly in Santee Chapel. The newcomers promised faithfully, "to attend all the instructions of the Seminary, observe the rules and the regulations of the institution, obey the lawful requirements, and yield to the wholesome admonitions of the professors and Board of Visitors of the Seminary."

Dr. A.M. Sayres, speaking on "The Faithful Servant," said that the seminarian worthy of his call must resist the distractions and temptations that would lure him from his task. He recalled Nehemiah saying to the Jews of Israel, "I am doing a great work; I cannot come down."

## SPORTS WORLD

Pitching into full swing this last Wednesday, the World's Series became the main topic of discussion and the chief competitor of old-man study within the hallowed halls of Lancaster Seminary. Lest we forget the early scores in the excitement of later series games, the Dodgers won the first 4-2, and the third 5-3, while the Yanks took the second 7-1 and the fourth 2-0.

Amid the atmosphere of baseball pools, hot dogs, and soda pop the spring portly seminary gridders hobbled to the F&M practice field for a contest of skill between Team one captained by big Bobby Rhoads and Team two headed by rapid Robert Titus. Both squads operated with equal skill. Team two scored first when Strausbaugh completed a long pass to Iyerly for a touchdown. The extra point was good. Team one then retaliated when Hennessy intercepted

The council took action to repaint the lines marking the parking areas so that they will be plain. Washroom improvements were discussed and suggestions sent to the faculty. Action was begun to have the piano in the lounge tuned and repaired. The council decided that all dormitory electrical circuits should be checked for overloading. The Underwriter Laboratories limits the fuse loads to fifteen amperes. The limit will have to be enforced. These suggestions also were made: that partitions in the downstairs washrooms should be torn out and another washroom and dryer be purchased.

## INSIDE STUFF

From the Registrar's office: Dr. Anclert reports vital statistics! Latest registration figures are: Seniors, 30; Middlers, 29; Juniors, 34; H.R.E., 4; Specials, 2; total, 103. This large number represents 15 synods, 9 states, 1 foreign country (Norway), and 28 colleges.

Not release from the library: "Just return books taken out and pay your bills. That will keep me very happy." T.T.S.

The President's secretary: There are more than 30 cars on the campus so will the owners of those not properly licensed for campus parking see Miss K. as soon as it is convenient. There is no charge.

a pass by Bucher and galloped sixty yards to score.

In the closing minutes of the game a questioned decision almost ended it with much ill-feeling. But the game was considered only practice by both teams as they decided to consider the next game as the first. That game will be played tomorrow at 3 p.m. on the same turf.

More sports in later editions... look for it here.

## A CLEAN SLATE

Trying to discover exactly what the task of The Seminarian is, we look at the slate of its past. So, marking a few places, "No MORE erase," we wipe away its old errors. We expect to make new mistakes, but at the beginning our purpose is:

1. To share insights into the current news of import to Seminarians;
2. To herald and encourage attention to future events;
3. To record past events worth preserving.

Meanwhile, we'll try to remain undisturbed by "traditional journalism."

## FAMOUS LAST WORDS

We rolled in glee as his droll words came again in reply, "I....I think it will become clearer...ah.. as we go along." Then that professor's work was done. We chuckled even as we hurried off into the summer.

Now we begin another term with new vim and readiness for "solid answers to our questions." But mean while the waning months of summer have vindicated the good professor's words. It DOES become clearer. Rubbing thoughts with men of the trades, sharing losses and meager gains of laborers, hearing philosophisms from wayfarers--bit by bit we carve out a clearer understanding. Answers to Great Questions, we discover, take shape slowly. Not in the glib forms we once expected from a professor's lips, but out of human lives the answers do come, clearer, "as we go along."

Yet this is not always so. Such a carving out of answers demands a certain discipline of the whittler. It is an awesome thing to walk on the beach where driftwood lies. It, too, "becomes clearer" as it weathers smooth in the elements; its fibres toughen in the salt air, its grain grows distinct and beautiful. But some pieces rot. They mould away into the shore grass, having lost their fibres to maggots and bacteria. Such pieces never know the beauty of a clear hard grain. But once begun, hard to hold. Either curing or decaying begins long before its result is seen. The mellow grain resisted rot while it still was green. Nor could an infected piece postpone its ruin, once begun. Each became more evident as it went along.

The bearers of decay now stalk through our seminary. Fatty chatter and small living claw at students for a firmer grip. Also struggling for a permanent hold of us are "the curers": discipline and diligence. But whichever is in progress in us now, we may be certain that it too "will become clearer as we go."

## MEDITATION BY AUGUSTINE

Great art Thou, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; Great is Thy power, and Thy wisdom infinite. And these would men praise; Man, but a particle of Thy creation; man, that bears about him his mortality, the witness of his sin, the witness that Thou resistest the proud; yet would Man praise Thee; he, but a particle of Thy creation. Thou awakes us to delight in Thy praise; for Thou waitest not for himself, and OUR HEART IS RESTLESS, UNTIL IT REPOSE IN THEE. Grant us Lord to know and understand which is first, to call on Thee or to praise Thee!

....CONFESSION, Mr. I

## MINISTER'S PLACE IN POLITICS

The Rev. Mr. Harvey Swanson will tell Seminarians what he believes to be "A Minister's Place in Politics" in the Towns on Oct. 13. Collins Tefibach, program planner for the seminary's Society of Inquiry, said this morning that the Thursday evening meeting will provide ample opportunity for student discussion.

Mr. Swanson, controversial leader in civic affairs, is pastor of the Unitarian Church of Our Father in Lancaster.

The subject of the meeting is of practical concern to every prospective preacher. Whatever may be your convictions, we believe Mr. Swanson will provoke thought and discussion which you can't readily afford to miss.

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