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EDITORIAL

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With the new semester, the editorial staff of The Seminarian has changed hands. To the former editor, H. Clayton Moyer, and his staff, we extend our congratulations for a job well done during the past year. Handicapped though they were, the commendations of the seminary are rightfully theirs. We, their successors, can only hope to continue the high standards which they have established. We shall promise only one thing--that with your help and assistance we shall earnestly strive to issue a publication worthy of this Seminary.

This aim cannot be accomplished by us alone. The Seminarian as the title suggests, is designed to be your paper and not the paper of its editor. Unless you are willing to contribute to its issues, please do not expect a "New York Times." You must be its authors, and the quality of the paper depends solely upon what you as students are willing to contribute. Your editor and staff did not accept their positions with the intention of writing your paper for you. Theoretically, our job is confined to editing and publishing--a task in itself. We need your help and assistance. The Seminarian will welcome your criticisms and suggestions, but, on the other hand, it will expect your contributions. It has been said of this paper that "getting articles is like pulling teeth." That such a situation prevails in a theological seminary shows an amazing lack of interest and responsibility that is not consistent with our chosen profession.

We have begun the task of editing and publishing this paper with high hopes and great expectations for the year to come. With your active participation and interest, The Seminarian can achieve the purpose for which it is intended. A united effort will most certainly bring results.

GRANT E. HARRITY, Editor

A PROPOSAL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

If you had attended the last business meeting of the Society of Inquiry on January 13th you would have discovered, and probably not for the first time, that the present budget under which the Society is operating is woefully inadequate to fulfill the needs of that organization. Almost without exception, a business meeting is not concluded before a plea for more money is made to make good the obligations that the students of the Seminary must make as a unified body. The Society is not at present and never has been, spending or contributing money unless for a good sound reason or necessary obligation. Yet, only insufficient funds are available for the good work of that organization.

To begin with, all of our committees must operate within strict budgets, which cannot exceed their limits and which in themselves are too inadequate for the results that are expected. And yet, most of our money has to be set aside for the functionings of these committees, leaving practically nothing for the outside obligations of the Society. If and when something unexpected comes up, the Society is financially unable to make good on its own. The result is that a necessary plea must be made for personal contributions. Now most of us do not hesitate to contribute to worthy causes, but so much trouble and delay could be avoided if the Society of Inquiry had an adequate income to take care of the responsibilities of the student body.

At the last meeting, the questions of the sending of a CARE package and of an additional contribution to the Interseminary Movement were brought up. There is no doubt that the Society should and shall act favorably toward these contributions, but, since there is no money for the purposes, it means that individual assessments must be made to make up the \$20 or more that is needed Undoubtedly before the semester is over there will be other obligations that we shall have to meet--with no money in the treasury! We have been operating on a shoe-string basis, usually ending up on the red side of the ledger, and personal contributions have had to make up the deficit. Please note that this leaves little or no financial aid for constructive work on the part of the Society, for most of its income is used to meet the necessary obligations.

Of the two dollars paid yearly by each individual, only one goes to the Society of Inquiry (the other dollar goes to the Student Council). It is our contention that this one dollar is not enough in view of the necessary contributions and good work that the Society must support. Remember also that one dollar does not go very far these days. Therefore, it is proposed that Seminarists agree to be assessed an additional one dollar to be included in the Seminary bill beginning with the opening of the next school year. There is reason to believe that the faculty will pass a proposal, provided that the initiative comes from the students themselves.

Think over this proposal and study carefully the reasons which prompt its presentation at this time. Talk it over among yourselves and come prepared to discuss intelligently the propos-

ition at the next business meeting of the Society, when it will be presented for your consideration.

A MINISTER'S OLD TESTAMENT SHELF - Prof. D.M.C. Englert

I have been asked to list the Old Testament books which a young minister might want to include in his library. In these days of inflated costs, all these works may prove too great a burden on the average young graduate's pocketbook. So I have listed the works in the order of their worth, in the hope that from time to time additions to the library can be made, as the minister's finances warrant.

THE BIBLICAL ARCHEOLOGIST. 50 cents a year, four issues annually. 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, Conn. This includes news of the latest developments in Old and New Testament archaeology, written in non-technical language, suitable for sermon illustration.

THE WESTMINSTER HISTORICAL ATLAS TO THE BIBLE - This excellent Bible atlas supercedes the George Adam Smith work which was standard equipment for generations of Bible students. The maps are particularly well-done and can now be secured from the Westminster Press in the large, wall size, suitable for Church School classrooms.

Pfeiffer, INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT. This is a fine example of liberal literary and historical criticism, taking the place of the work of Driver, on which so many generations of students, including my own were raised.

Finegan. LIGHT FROM THE ANCIENT PAST. Here is a work, beautifully illustrated on Biblical history, both Old and New Testament. It ranks with the famous Deissmann volume, whose title it so closely paraphrases.

Fleming James, PERSONALITIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. This contains much sermonic material, especially for biographical preaching.

Galkins, MODERN MESSAGE OF THE MINOR PROPHETS. This little work contains a wealth of suggestive homiletic material on the so-called "minor" prophets of Israel.

I. G. Matthews, THE RELIGIOUS PILGRIMAGE OF ISRAEL. A fine chronological account of the growth of Israel's religious ideas.

Miller Burrows, AN OUTLINE OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY. Here is a work that fills a long-felt need, a compendium of Old and New Testament texts, grouped according to subject matter and theme.

(Ed. Note: From time to time, the Seminarian hopes to bring you additional lists of outstanding books prepared by our professors in the various fields of religious study.)

A. DISTINCTIVE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

Just before the Christmas recess, seminarians were so fortunate as to participate in a directional modification of the Forward Movement, the vigor of which would have delighted the hearts of leaders in that great Reformed program of the early 1920's. To be sure, we could not claim a common aim with those inspired men, nor did we share even a like approach. Yet, with us as with them, there was singleness of purpose which pointed our total beings toward one place.

In the early morning hours of December 19, ere the morning light was breaking, delegates were being seated to begin disposition of weighty matters. A general de profundis characterized the proceedings, which continued much after the manner of a humanly instituted kenosis. Although no one was particularly dogmatic, it might be said that the brethren spoke ex cathedra; however, it cannot be said that any were so interested as to wish to "keep on their toes."

The conclusions of the conclave, it may be noted, were in each case heralded joyously, particularly by those who importuned to take active parts. Indeed, this striving was so general and so earnest that each may be said to have had a run for his money as seldom before. The many and diversified expressions of the outpouring of the spirit, however, did lead ultimately to the formulation and affirmation of the apropos dictum: "When in doubt--do! To the validity of this dictum, memories of a moving session attested.

THE W.S.S.F. DRIVE

The W.S.S.F. drive is about to get under way. The worth of this endeavor is realized by all. Daily we are confronted with stories of the handicaps under which students in the war-disrupted countries are laboring. Their schools are wrecked; books destroyed; living conditions limited to bare necessities. The W.S.S.F. drive is an opportunity for us to prove that they are not working alone in their efforts to rehabilitate themselves.

In the past, the students of the Seminary have faithfully met their obligations in the endeavor to alleviate the hardships under which these students abroad are working. Each year a considerable sum has been subscribed to meet the need. We can do no less.

The method of raising this fund will be discussed at a special business meeting held immediately prior to Program Meeting of the Society of Inquiry, Tuesday evening, January 27. The time of the meeting will be 6:30 P.M. There is no need to impress upon each of you the importance of your attendance.

EDWARD J. TALLIS

MUSIC MAKING

Prof. Frank McConnell

Although millions of words have already been written under the above caption, perhaps it can currently serve as a heading for a few thoughts about our Seminary Choir.

Music making by any group necessitates a period of preparation requiring the most regular and diligent devotion to the business of studying minutely each work at hand. This is no less true for Seminarists than for members of a high school chorus or junior choir. Behind the scenes there must be a quality of discipline akin to teamwork, making it possible to achieve unity of understanding and action.

Given this compelling team spirit, the music-making of our Seminary Choir further demands a minimum of 14 to 16 singers, well distributed among its four sections, before it can be of a quality to permit a concert schedule. (Is this too much to expect from a student body close to 40 members?) Of these 14 to 16 voices, at least one in each part should be able to "lead" his section reliably after reasonable rehearsal. Minimum requirements for other choir members are that they have average vocal ability and a normal musical aptitude.

It is to the credit of all those who have given of their talent and time in the past that the Seminary Choir has long been regarded as an important contact force between the Seminary and the churches. The Choir represents the Seminary intimately and beautifully before congregations in a variety of areas. It brings to the churches a personal glimpse of the Seminary and its work. This is valuable. It is equally desirable for Seminarists to meet the congregations, to see the church at work in many communities, and to be seen and appraised by the church members.

Music making of the kind that is presented by the Seminary Choir is in itself a worthwhile experience. It is good to become acquainted with examples of fine church music, to prepare them painstakingly, and to partake of the spiritual refreshment that comes from delivering such music well. It is likewise good for church members to hear from their chosen youths adequate representations of worthy music. Add to these values the fact that training in voice production is of practical benefit to the public speaker, and it seems altogether clear that the sacrifices of time and the expenditures of effort required by music making are only beginnings which lead to the ultimate rewards naturally resulting from the work and program of a good "concertizing" Seminary Choir.

This year the choir is committed to a performance of Rossini's "Stabat Mater" with the Musical Arts Society of Lancaster, to be held in Santee Chapel early in March. There will also be a choir concert in Santee Chapel on Baccalaureate Sunday. Can we fairly refuse those churches which want our music making for all it can mean to them simply because preparation requires time, adequate personnel, and teamwork? Will we let down our Seminary tradition?

THE CONVOCATION - A CHALLENGE

On January 19th and 20th, the Seminary opened its spring semester with the annual mid-year Convocation. Well attended by students, graduates and friends of the institution, the Convocation featured the deliverance of two endowed Lectureships presented annually in Santee Chapel, the Swander and McCauley Lectures. The Swander Lectureship is presented in the field of Christological Science and an outstanding theologian is annually elected to deliver four or more lectures upon this foundation. The McCauley Lectureship on Pastoral and Practical Theology is given by a noted pastor on some practical subject relative to the ministry.

To deliver the Swander Lectures, the Seminary was fortunate to have Prof. Georgia Harkness, the only woman member of the American Theological Society. Miss Harkness is professor of Applied Theology at Garrett Biblical Institute. She has previously served as professor of philosophy at Elmira College and as professor of religion at Mount Holyoke College. Born at Harkness, New York, she attended Cornell and Boston Universities, and from the latter she has been awarded the Ph.D. and Litt.D. degrees. She is an ordained minister in the Methodist Church.

Choosing as her general theme, Prayer, Dr. Harkness divided her subject into four lectures; the Principles of Prayer, the Elements of Prayer, the Methods of Prayer, and the Fruits of Prayer. Although Miss Harkness did not speak strictly in the field of theology, we cannot say that her message was out of place. On the contrary, her theme dealt with a vital area of our lives, especially in this day filled with frustrations, fears and doubts. She stressed the fact that "prayer is the root of genuine action". Therefore, if we expect to guide the spiritual life of a congregation, our individual lives must be inspired by inner strength and peace. Where do we get this strength and peace? It comes from "vital, God-centered, intelligently grounded prayer." With us now lies the responsibility of developing truly spiritual lives.

Dr. Edward O. Butkofsky, '26, of Shamokin, Pa., delivered the two McCauley Lectures on the Minister and Theology, and the Minister and the Bible. Dr. Butkofsky emphasized the fact that the average minister is inadequately grounded in the basic knowledge of these two essential subjects. His message was a challenge for revitalization in these fields. Will we accept this challenge? We have the means! It is up to us!

RICHARD JOHNSON

"AS I SEE IT....."

--Francis E. Ringer

Some time ago a petition signed by many of the student body was presented to the faculty. This petition proposed the construction of apartments for married Seminarists on the third floor of the dormitory. We all know about this petition, and we all know that a joint meeting of the faculty and the student body will be held in the very near future to discuss this proposal. At that meeting a decision must be reached, and the faculty and students must do some serious thinking before they attempt to make a final decision. To stimulate thought upon this subject, I wish to present some of the arguments for and against the proposal as I see it.

First of all, would it be wise economically? Of course, all other considerations are useless if there are not sufficient funds to carry out such a building project as the petition proposes, but if there are sufficient funds, would it be a wise investment? Would the apartments pay for themselves in any manner whatsoever? I personally believe that the apartments would be a good investment. Although it is obvious that room rent alone is no real source of income in the dormitory, investment in the dormitory is not to be considered solely in the light of the money that enters the coffers in the form of rent. The expense of the maintenance of the third floor must surely have exceeded by far the income derived from room rent. Men, particularly college men not the least bit interested in our Seminary, have been very destructive, as a survey of the third floor clearly indicates. I cannot conceive of married couples doing an equal amount of damage. Indeed, the damage the apartments would suffer would be much less than the damage the rooms now suffer. In short, while there would be no increase, and perhaps a decrease, in the amount of rent received from the third floor if it were converted to apartments, the expenditures for maintenance would be so much reduced as to actually increase the present rate of financial return.

Secondly, would apartments be used if they were provided? Certainly there are many married men who would not bring their wives here for various reasons. Some of the wives may live nearby and be content with just weekend companionship, or others may have employment which they would not dare give up for purely financial reasons. Many married couples may have children and obviously could not take a dormitory apartment. On the other hand, many of the wives live far from Lancaster and would welcome the opportunity of living with their husbands for financial as well as psychological reasons. As any married man must admit, it is not pleasant for their wives if they must be separated from their husbands for month after month over a period of three years. Indeed it may well endanger their marriage. Three years of financial insecurity is a sufficient burden upon Seminarists without the additional strain of separation from loved ones and lack of any semblance of home life. For these men apartments would be a welcome blessing.

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Thirdly, would the presence of a man's wife be distracting to him in his pursuit of studies? Married men now living with their wives can best answer this question, but I wonder which is more distracting, the presence of the wife or the wandering of the mind as one studies. Is the contentment of being near one's wife more distracting than the loneliness and wandering thoughts which assail the man separated from his wife? This depends much on the individual, but from my own observations I am inclined to believe that absence is more distracting than presence.

In the fourth place, would apartments be an encouragement for single men to marry while in Seminary? Undoubtedly it would be, but would that be undesirable? Is the plight of the single man desirous of marriage not similar to the situation of the married man separated from his wife? In other words, which is the more distracting, the presence of a wife or the longing for the day when one can marry? The contentments of somewhat settled living or the restlessness of an unnatural life?

Perhaps this question also implies that a Seminarian should remain single until he has completed his studies. Why this attitude has been adhered to for such a long time I cannot understand. It is a complete paradox to me to expect a man to be single in Seminary and married when he enters a parish. Furthermore, what counsel in the problems of married life can a minister hope to give his parishioners when he knows little about married life himself? If we are attempting to prepare for all the problems that face a minister in the field, why should we be discouraged from becoming acquainted in a practical way with the problems of married life? After all, we are not children in a prep school but adults in a graduate institution preparing for a calling that requires a well-rounded individual to face problems from all quarters of life.

In the fifth place, would the presence of women on the third floor be inhibiting to the life of the single men in the rest of the dormitory? Obviously, the women would have to be restricted to the lounge and the third floor for reasons of privacy. Other than this, though, would they be inhibiting to the single students? If their presence were to make the men more cautious of their conduct, would that be undesirable? If their presence tended to alleviate the atmosphere of isolation now upon the dormitory, would that be undesirable? Would the occupancy of the dormitory entirely by persons interested in the life of the Seminary, even though some were women, be more injurious to the Seminarists than the present strain between

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Seminarians and college men who have little respect for the Seminary, the property and the Seminarians? Indeed, is it not possible that the presence of "ministers'-wives-to-be" in the dormitory would tend to further cement the ties of the "Seminary family" of which we are constantly reminded?

This is far from a complete list of the problems we must face, but, although I have considered only a few (and those in a sketchy manner), I think I have touched upon some of the leading questions that arise from a consideration of the proposal of apartments. Let us give these questions, and all others that may occur to us, serious thought, and, as I see it, we shall be able to make a wise decision at the forthcoming meeting of faculty and students.

OUR NEW LIBRARIAN

Ken McCrea

Introducing Dr. Paul T. Stonesifer, our new librarian. Dr. Stonesifer's background is one well fitted to Seminary atmosphere. His father was a minister, his mother was a minister's daughter, and he himself served in the active pastorate for 27 years. Born in Winchester, Va., Dr. Stonesifer attended Massanutten Academy in Woodstock, Va. In 1917 he received his A.B. from Franklin and Marshall College, and in 1920 he got his B.D. from the Seminary. In 1926, an A.M. was conferred upon him, and in 1941 he received his D.D.

Dr. Stonesifer mentioned that he married a Lancaster girl, Esther May Wittlinger. He has one son Richard J, who is at present serving as an English Instructor at F&M. During his years in the pastorate he served the Mt. Pleasant, Pa., charge and later, Zion Church, Chambersburg.

Dr. Stonesifer brings along to our library his pipe, the wisdom of his practical experience, and his friendly spirit. Until he gets himself accustomed to the life of our Seminary library, he says that he will do his best to keep up the high standards Dr. Heller set. All we can add to such a statement is "Good luck, Dr. Stonesifer, and God be with you."

SEMINARY NEWS

- 1 - The Protestant film, "Beyond Our Own" will be shown at the Seminary on Monday evening, Feb. 3 2, 1948.
- 2 - The Seminary Basketball team suffered its first set-back of the season when it dropped a 37-22 decision to Second Floor Hartman on Jan. 9th. Regardless of this loss, the Seminary still holds first place in the Independent League with four wins and one defeat.
- 3 - Newly elected officers of the Society of Inquiry:

President - Edward J. Tallis
V. President - Grant E. Harrity
Sec-Treas. - Edward Taylor

- 4 - Newly appointed Committees of the Society of Inquiry:

Program: Taylor, Chairman. Messers: Hawk, Oberkircher, Limper and Zinn.

Worship: Hammond, Chairman. Messers: Huntley, Cheek, Marks, Miss Weaver.

Lounge: Breining, Chairman. Messers: Hoffman, Geisler and Faulds.

Library: Smith, Chairman. Messers: Settlemyre, Papenmeier Abernethy, Martin

Publicity: Aulenbach, Chairman. Messers: Mays, Johnson, Alexander.