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### SENIOR REFLECTIONS

As we look back over our seminary life, there are several facts which stand out in bold relief. Some of these set this class apart from others and some which are experienced by any graduating class.

One fact which sets our class off from others is the unique exposure to changes in and about the Seminary. Our class itself is an object of study, for it has undergone a reduction in numbers which has made it one of the smallest classes in the history of the institution. Secondly, we have had the opportunity to see more faculty changes than any other class. We have been a witness to six changes in the faculty. The third change that we saw was the very agreeable transformation of the dormitory. I recall the effect the former appearance of the building had upon me with its gloomy halls, cracked walls, and complex arrangements of wire emanating from what was usually a single outlet in the room.

In a more general vein we will look back upon this experience and remember, as all classes have done, the pleasant associations that the seminary experience has made possible - associations not only with the faculty but more especially with the dormitory life. The cultural pursuits which were carried on here have been inspiring and uplifting. What a relief to return from classes, to sit in comfort in our rooms, and there carry on conversations about our studies in theology, New Testament, etc. None of the worldly interests for us, such as card-playing or carousing. No sir, we have been a sober-minded group of men, always turned toward one goal, never allowing anything to interfere with the pursuit of knowledge.

I had expected that when this time of departure became a fact I would be filled with regret and sorry to leave this place. It may surprise you to know that there is only a little of this spirit in the class. As I have said, we will be sorry to sever relations which among the members of the student body and faculty have been very close, but that is as far as the feeling of regret goes. I suppose that it is too early to expect such a feeling; it will probably come after we have been away for a while. We are filled now with an impatience to get to work and try to put into practice the ideals that we have been theorizing about for so long. Therefore, if

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asked to describe the feeling or attribute most typical of the senior class, it would be that we are impatient to do that work for which we have been preparing.

Because of this it is hard for me to think of this experience of seminary life as ending, because it is so definitely connected with the work for which we have been prepared. Our efforts will be a continuation of the spirit of seminary life, a type of life, which, though beset at times with differences, conflicts, or problems, is a growing experience. What ends for us now is obscure; it cannot be defined. Nor do I see any reason for feeling regretful over anything so indefinite. It is far better to look ahead at the opportunities that lie just beyond the horizon. This senior class is too inspired by the opportunities that lie ahead to be troubled by leaving behind that which has nurtured this inspiration.

Paul Oberkircher

### SENIOR ELECTIONS

On May 3, the Society of Inquiry met to elect officers for the forthcoming school year. Before the actual election got under way, there was some discussion about making the office of Sec.-Treas. two separate offices, in order to facilitate keeping the accounts of the revenue from the two confectionary machines in the basement. It was finally decided to make one member of the lounge committee responsible for this, in the capacity of an Assistant Sec.-Treas.

The elections then proceeded on the usual three-office basis. There were multiple nominations for each office and the voting was close in general. When it was all over the winners were these: Pres: Earl Marks, V. Pres: Stan Dunn, Sec.-Treas: Harvey Schlichter.

The meeting was adjourned with a rising vote of appreciation to echo this note of thanks to Messers. Oberkircher, Harrity, and Taylor for a job very well done. Next year's administration holds every promise of being just as good as this year's line-up was. Let's all get behind the executives and help them make next year as fine a one as was 1948-49.

So long till September. Have a nice summer.

Dick Glatfelter  
Feature Editor

AS I SEE IT. . .

As the view of the valley is always more complete from the very summit of the mountain, the best possible vantage point for seeing the real accomplishments of the school year is its end, where one can see all the events in a more accurate perspective. Things assume their rightful proportion and fall into the general scheme of ups and downs.

The school year 1948-49 in the sum total of things has been a good one. It has been, primarily, a year of "firsts." It was the first year in the renovated dorm with the trial of the apartment plan for the third floor. It marked the trial of the three-term academic year. And for the first time in its 24-year history the choir attempted an extensive tour. From the standpoint of the student body, all three of these ventures have been marked by a remarkable degree of success.

The chapel programs over the year have brought a number of interesting speakers before the student body. The Schneder Lectures were delivered by Dr. Theophile Twente, the Swander and McCauley Lectures by Drs. C. C. Morrison and Frederick Keller Stamm. The Society of Inquiry presented a number of entertaining guest speakers, and the Seminary was fortunate enough to secure Miss Helen Kenyon, Moderator of the Congregational Christians Churches, to speak to the student body, faculty, and guests.

The Seminary participated in organized athletics in the F & M intramural leagues in football, basketball (in which the boys brought home the league championship), and softball.

An active program for fellowship was laid out to lighten the burden of studies. This included receptions at the homes of the several professors, a splendid Christmas party, and a hayride.

On a number of occasions the Eucharist was celebrated by the Seminary family and friends. The May Eucharist was the occasion for the dedication of the panels in the reredos niches of Santee Chapel, given in memory of his wife by Dr. D. M. C. Englert.

The activities of the year left a few loose ends hanging in air. The venture into dramatics was left stranded after several fairly successful meetings, and a discussion group for the solution of common problems, instituted by the Junior Class, came by the same fate. Perhaps we may find it expedient to renew these activities in the autumn when we come together again.

Finally, we must express our sorrow at seeing a grand bunch of seniors leaving our fellowship. They've been real comrades and hosts in making 26 new juniors feel at home in the Sem. So long, fellows; it's been real.

Dave Mark

## IS THIS THE TIME ?

Is this the time, O Church of Christ  
To sound retreat?  
To arm with weapons cheap and blunt  
The men and women who have borne the  
brunt  
Of earth's fierce strife, and nobly  
held their ground?  
Is this the time to halt, when all  
around  
Horizons lift, new destinies confront  
Stern duties wait the nations never  
wont  
To play the laggard, when God's will  
was found?

No! rather, strengthen stakes and  
lengthen cords,  
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou  
elect,  
And to thy Kingdom come for such a  
time!  
The earth with all the fulness is the  
Lord's.  
Great things attempt for Him, great  
things expect,  
Whose love imperial is, whose power  
sublime  
Fills all the earth, if we, who follow  
Him -  
Build in this world, HIS CHURCH, un-  
conquerable!

The above poem by Sumner Hoyt would be an excellent starter for those students opposed to the proposed merger of the E and R and the C C Churches. Is this the time to sound retreat? Or do we need to present to the world a united, and consequently a Spirit-filled Church.

John E. Winter

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Sunday, May 22: 3:30 p.m., Sacred Concert by the Seminary Choir, Santee Chapel. 5:00 p.m., Informal Reception by the Choir to the Seminary Family and Friends. 7:45 p.m., Baccalaureate Sermon, Santee Chapel, Professor Oswin S. Frantz.

Monday, May 23: 7:00 p.m., Meeting of the Board of Visitors. 8:00-10:00 p.m., Reception for the Seniors at the home of President and Mrs. Meck.

Tuesday, May 24: 10:00 a.m., Meeting of the Corporation. 2:00 p.m., Joint Meeting of the Corporation & the Board of Visitors. 8:00 p.m., Annual Sermon. President Joseph R. Sizoo, New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Wednesday, May 25: 9:15 a.m., Meeting of the Historical Society. "Bernard C. Wolff, Repairer of the Breach," Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer. 10:30 a.m., Meeting of the Alumni Association. 11:30 a.m., Commencement Service. 1:00 p.m. Luncheon.

## SENIOR SKETCHES

Dick Goodling, of Millersburg, Pa., will continue his scholastic work at Penn State in the Fall, when he will begin graduate work in clinical psychology. Dick has had the distinction of being the only college prof in the Seminary. He is an instructor in the Dept. of Psychology at F&M, where he graduated in 1946.

Joe Hammond, of Philadelphia, is pastor-designate of the Church of the Messiah, Woodlawn, Baltimore, Md. Married, to the former Elouise S. Cheek. Joe did his undergraduate work at Catawba. We'll miss the big wide grin that has so long graced the dorm's second deck. If we didn't before, we know now that Philadelphia is the City of Brotherly Love. Prove it? O.K. Joe!

Grant ("k-kww-wyy-y-y-errrr-rr-r-r") Harrity, of Lykens, Pa., will assume the assistant pastorship of Zion Church, Hagerstown, Md. A '46 Ursinus grad, Grant is engaged to marry Anne Markley, of Lansdale, Pa. He has been a veritable spark plug in Seminary extra-curricular activity. He was 1947-48 editor of the Seminarian and has served as vice president of the Society of Inquiry and member of the Dormitory Council. But probably foremost, we give Grant a world of credit for his able and untiring efforts as senior manager of the Choir in its most successful season. Grant, "grant" us one favor before you leave, please? Teach Ernie how to shout "Choir!".

Dick Johnson, of Rohrszstown, Pa., assume full-time pastoral duties in the Hublersburg Charge, Hublersburg, Pa. A graduate of Ursinus in 1947, Dick has been a credit to the Seminary and a sincere friend of ours. Hublersburg will, indeed, be well served with Dick at the pastoral helm!

Paul "Obie" Oberkircher, of Cumberland, Md., is pastor-designate of Trinity Church, Connellsville, Pa. As president of the Society of Inquiry and as Senior Class monitor, Paul's capable guiding hand has served in no small way in keeping things running smoothly. Paul has the rather controversial honor of being the Seminary's one and only Pitt man. How about it, Penn Staters?

John "Set" Settlemyre, of Conover, N.C., will be especially missed on next year's basketball team. Set's "basketballing" was instrumental in taking this year's team into the All-College Playoffs after winning the Independent League crown. A Catawba graduate, Set is the only graduating North Carolinian. But quality bears more weight than quantity, doesn't it, Set? I guess we Choir members must agree!

Elden "Spang" Spangler, of Reading, will hardly move beyond the shadows of the Seminary campus for Spang is the new pastor at Willow Street. Local

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## SPORTS CORNER

The intramural softball situation did not turn out as well as many people expected. During the course of the season the Crusaders won only one game that one from the Z.B.T.'s. However, in several contests they suffered defeat only in the late innings.

In the dorm the competition kept up the interest better, however. The bachelors failed in two attempts to stop the married men, losing 20-7 and 18-15 in two starts. Winning pitchers for these games were McGree and Abernethy, with Lutz on the losing end.

On May 5 the Junior Class took on the upper class All-Stars. The two teams met on the old legion field in back of the F'n M baseball diamond. It was a clear but very hot day, every one getting a good sunburn, especially the Juniors, who ended with very red faces.

In a wild, free hitting and scoring game, the All-Stars downed the Juniors 16 to 10. For the Stars it was 16 runs on 20 hits, the Juniors 10 runs for 9.

Home runs were hit by Dunn, Settlemyre, Papenmeier, and Winter. "Able" Abbie copped himself a triple. Lutz once again was the losing pitcher, while Abernethy, with fine support, came through for the win.

It was the heavy artillery of the All-Stars that put the game on ice in the early innings, for they seemed to be able to score at will. Only in the 6th frame did they fail to have a run cross the plate.

Little Art Papenmeier was the big gun in the barrage, getting 4 for 4, while "Able" Abbie reaped 3 for 3, Hawk collecting 3 for 4, and Hoffman, Settlemyre, and Martin each picking up 2 apiece.

To all who participated in the sports program and to the faithful fans in the student body I should like to express my thanks. Throughout the year your cooperation has made this program enjoyable and my connection with it a very easy job. I hope you all have a very pleasant summer in God's care. Until September, this is your Sports Editor signing off.

Dick Abernethy

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WLAN disc jockey and a graduate of Albright College, Spang is married to the former Evelyn G. Keck. They have two children. Good luck, Spang! May you be "pleased and surprised, but more pleased than surprised".

Ed Tallis, of Schwenksville, Pa., will assume duties as pastor of Lehigh Synod's Old Goshenhoppen Charge. Graduated from Ursinus in 1944, Ed is married to the former Eleanor Badders and is the father of three children. Ed was the 1947-48 Society of Inquiry president and a former member of the Dormitory Council. He was active the same year as a member of the Inter-Seminary Committee.