



# The Seminarian

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## THE MAN ABOUT OUR HOUSE

### BANQUET TOPS SEMINARY CHRISTMAS

Except for a few who were brave to rush the season, Christmas seemed far away here at the Seminary. That is, until the holidays and the time for traditional trimmings were about here. Bit by bit our "Family" let itself into a continual stream of seasonal activities.

One clear reminder of the approaching "Birthday" was a gift wrapping meeting held by the Association of Seminary Women last Monday evening. Each package held a pair of corduroy trousers for a boy's cottage at Bethany Orphans' Home. A "New Era" photographer was there to record the event. Mrs. Paul Heckert conducted a program of scripture, poems and carols before the work session. The hostesses, Mrs. Charles Strasbaugh, Mrs. Banks Shepherd, and Mrs. Kenneth Bell, served red and green-hued refreshments. The women also rehearsed for their part in tonight's banquet program.

Last evening the Seminary Family gathered in the chapel for the beautiful Christmas Communion Service. Dr. Alfred Sayres and Dr. Paul Stonestifer administered the elements. The Boys Choir of St. James Episcopal Church offered special music for the worship. Appropriately, it previously had been agreed to give the Offering to the orphan children at our Bethany Home.

BY SNOOPER LEONARD & SCRIBE SHELLENBERGER

World War I was going rather well for the Army of the Allies in 1918. One sergeant and his crew thought it was an unusually good day when they found themselves in possession of a captured German artillery piece in excellent firing condition. Sergeant Trout and his crew were generously returning the ammunition the Germans had left behind when a roving airplane strafed their position. "Sarge's" twenty months in Europe almost had a different ending that day as a bullet narrowly missed his head, was deflected slightly by a coat button, and lodged itself painfully in his chest. "After that," Sergeant Trout remarked, "I always felt safer when my head was hid."

Although he may feel safer with his head hidden, Clayton H. Trout has never spent much of his time following his code for safety. Very often we may not be able to see "Sarge" our loyal janitor, but we know he is not hiding his head. Rather, he is following his efficient schedule at a pace which makes an ordinary man dizzy. "Sarge" feels at home wherever there is work. He has a tremendous capacity for getting things done. Recently during his absence, four students tried to follow his schedule for several days. They discovered that  
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## THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

BY ALLAN J. MECK

On the morrow the homes of our Republic will proclaim thru evergreen and mistletoe, thru gifts and carols, that the Christmas spirit is journeying across the land, flinging splendor upon every home and heart and life.

The Christmas spirit warms the heart like a winter's fire, binds like a golden chain, inspires like sweet music, transforms people like advancing summer.

On Christmas Day we think of Bethlehem and what happened there 1952 years ago. On Christmas we think of Mary and her firstborn son, the choiring angels, the wandering shepherds, the worshipping wise men, praying Simeon and Anna. Christmas is a festival of beauty and lovely songs of peace.

The Heart of Christmas is Joy and Hope and Peace and Love. Of Joy: "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born a Savior."

Of Hope: "They that sat in darkness saw a great light." The Savior illumined God, Man, Life and Death.

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## CHRISTMAS - CON'D

After Wednesday's communion worship, Professor and Mrs. Robert Moss headed an eager gang of students into their home to practise caroling. Then, for the second consecutive year, all the singers tramped forth to perform on each faculty porch. As advertised by the hosts, the harmony cruises went off "weather or not." While reward for cold noses and toes was found in the refreshments served by the gracious hostess at the end of the non-circuit.

Seminarists will long recall tonight's Yule Banquet, which began when Ernie Miko, senior class president, read the scripture and Professor Gable ordered the Grace. Then, as hungry eyes waited for the food to appear, they gaped at a stuffed pig being carried into the room. Norm Bucher sang the Boar's Head Carol, an ancient British symbol of feasting. Boastful pig was found to be stuffed with candies and not apples as we expected, judging from the one choice fruit in the pig's mouth. Finally came the waiters bearing heaps of food prepared under the discreet care of "Mom" Groff.

That "over-full" after-dinner feeling was not allowed to linger long after Billy Joe Leonard took on his task as toastmaster for the evening. Billy Joe's wit seemed sharpened by good food, the bright Christmas tree, and table decorations of candles and greens.

Faculty greetings from Professor Vassedy preceded Ed Shelley's violin solo. With his usual slow, dry, humor, Santa Shepherd brought smiles to all faces with his short reading. The Women of the Seminary then sang two Christmas numbers.

Finally the time came for the intricate reading skit, woven together by Dale Heckman. This levity was followed by a more sober reading from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" by Dr. Heck. During the program Bruce Hatt led group singing with Don Paine as pianist.

Just before Santa Claus made his appearance, "Carge" Trout was called. The Seminary family presented "Carge" with a gift in appreciation of the faithful service he gives as janitor. (see feature story)

The final act was played by none other than Santa Claus. Then, smiling at the various selection of 25¢ gifts, we found ourselves at the end of the Seminary Christmas Season. As Dean Duch offered the closing prayer, much had been given us in these several weeks of preparation for the Christmas.

## HEART OF CHRISTMAS - CON'D

Of Peace: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Of Love: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." God is a great giver because He is a great lover. The heart of Christmas is Joy, Hope, Peace, Love. Easter is the great festival of Hope: Christmas is the great festival of Love.

For some people Christmas is just a play, a holiday, a festival, but for those who have hospitality in mind and heart for these spiritual values (joy, hope, peace, love) Christmas becomes the greatest day in all the year. When everything is said and done these spiritual values "mean the most, reach the highest, last the longest and make life rememberable."

## "WHEN IS THE SEMINARIAN?"

The Staff extends its thanks for the recent wave of concern among seminary students and teachers, regarding the absence and ill health of The Seminarian. We are happy to report that after a brief relapse The Seminarian has regained sound health. Diagnosis has revealed that, while public inquiries about the paper easily evoke smiles, only now and then does someone offer his assistance. However, bolstered by a few new staff workers and by a new supply of paper, the veteran Seminarian is ready again to serve you.

## ALERT SOCIETY GETS SPEAKER

The Reverend Dr. Lyman Hartley, chaplain of the Presbyterian Hospital of New York City, spoke at the second program meeting of the Society of Inquiry on Wednesday evening, November 5. Having come to Lancaster that day to dedicate the new Stouffer Chapel of the Lancaster General Hospital, Dr. Hartley consented to speak to the Society after the dedication ceremony and before his address that evening to a joint meeting of the Lancaster Medical Society and the Lancaster County Ministerium.

Dr. Hartley impressed the Society with his testimony as to the great work which a hospital chaplain can do. His description of the Presbyterian Hospital chapel and the respect shown toward the religious work carried on there interested his hearers, as did the case histories which he mentioned from time to time.

# DEAN-O-GRAMS

Note the new electric clock in the hall of the Main Building. Set your watches by it, as it will now give the official seminary time. This clock should help to reduce the number of the "T" (tardy) list.

The annual Christmas vacation will extend to (not through) Monday morning, January 5.

## SOCIAL ACTION

Nine seminarians of the Social Action group met in the home of Dick Hoke on December 10. After Don Geschwindt led devotions, Vic Vogel led a discussion which dealt with the place of business in American economy. He read a paper based on Harold Underwood Faulkner's book, The Quest for Social Justice. This short historical treatment of the subject was supplemented by Vic in order to bring it up to date.

The group broadened Vic's approach by seeking to find the minister's place in the American economic system. They came to a unanimous agreement that Christianity should not be equated with, or become dependent upon, any economic system. The minister should become as fully informed as possible, without becoming expert, about labor-management concerns.

Credit unions organized by church groups, the difficulty of third party movements, and the place of cooperatives in America's economic system were discussed. The group plans to look into the industrial chaplaincy program to see what can be accomplished in that field.

The January meeting of the Social Action group will be held on January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge. The group will pursue further study of the minister's role in labor-management relations. All interested persons are invited to attend.

## WOMEN SELECT PROJECT

The Association of Seminary Women selected their service projects for the 1952-53 season at a meeting held on Monday evening, November 10th.

The women decided to send some representatives to the Heart Haven hospital to read stories to the children. Mrs. Arlene Eberts will be in charge of this project. Anyone may go to read, talk, and entertain the children any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening.

# SPORTS BASKET

BY G. P. ALLEN

The Seminary Saints have exploded over their last three league opponents to win each game going away. By their victories they have marked themselves as the 'team to beat' in the College Intramurals.

Led by the fast-breaking, ball-stealing Lysterly the Saints walked over their latest victim 51-31. Nel Wenner loaded the artillery with 18 points as Ziegler, Lysterly, and Trout also marked high figures.

In earlier games the team has shown ability to meet all situations and still work as a unit. If such play continues the Seminary can look forward to adding another plaque to its collection, the championship for 1952-53, of the college league.

As the winter term began, a new list of sports grabbed the attention of the "Saints". In unofficial units the Saints are devoting much time to table tennis, bowling, and darts. League activity in these sports will not begin until the return to school after the holidays. However, every Saint planning to participate in any of the activities should sign up with the teams now.

The bowling league opens the 1st Tuesday in the New Year with games scheduled among Faculty, second floor, 330, third floor, off-campus and first floor. The league promises a lot of fun for everyone (except the S. T. 45 classmembers, disabled by class schedules).

In preparation for the College ping-pong tournament the Seminary sponsors a 'ladder' contest for all Saints. The tournament team is then chosen from the top contestants on the local scene. Last years winners are seeded on the top rungs and all others are listed alphabetically on lower rungs. More particulars are listed on the bulletin boards. Last year's big gun was Norm Bucher who defeated graduating Morrin for first place. This column picks Norm to repeat the performance with Wenner, Lysterly, Trout, and Wetzel to fill out the top five. (Anyone dare to prove us wrong?)

From the sports department to everyone, "A Merry Christmas!"

"Sorry for the late publication!!!! Delay due to emergency condition at our printer's." (in The Princeton Seminary, Nov. issue, more terse than we could have made it.)

## Scree's Inkpot

The holiday season is crowding on fast. Not only has Santa Claus flight-stopped at all stations and airports of all the lands, but even the angels, although they do in fact have the "divine" crowding crisis, have had to be kept out of the storm. Santa will be making his first flight of angels to deliver services to plan, coordinate and parties to arrange, all the while having to survive and survive his boss.

Looking about for a day or two, the snowflake calls to mind a practical student who once boasted of a tiny backlog of more 50 sermons "in fact upon for awhile." Fortified with these the teacher young church can gallop into pulpits with the coming weeks to save the world without pain or strain. His answer to a preacher's Christmas wish: "Pick your sermon out of the file. Use foresight!"

Such a solution is much like that of a village baker. Looking forward to his vacation, this baker baked a large stockpile of hot-cross buns far in advance. While he was away a friend tended his shop and sold the buns. The buns looked all right on the surface, but when the villagers bit into them at breakfast they know that their baker was away!

Preachers have to be "in the village" every week. We just can't feed anyone on last week's goods. Though the truth of the Good News is eternal, we speak it to a new moment. If Jesus really lived in the workaday world, if God really confronts men in their shirt-sleeves--then let's preach goods fresh from the oven of living, not from the shelf. We can point to God NOW in spite of of busy-ness NOW in addition to other engagements--for we'll find Him IN the struggle itself!!

No matter how much or little one hearkens to Neil's words, his vigorous views of Man and Salvation seem to punctuate the following state-

## MEDITATION

Let me be quiet now, and kneel,  
The never silent before,  
Here, where the leaves paint pat-  
terns light  
Up of leaf-brown forest floor;  
For I, who saw no God at all  
In sea or earth or air,  
Inspired by beauty, now look on  
To see God everywhere.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GIBBS

Lord Jesus, acknowledge what is  
done in us, and take away from us  
all that is not Thine; for Thy hon-  
our and glory, Amen.

ST. BERNARDINE

Nearly all persons admire the work of great singers or actors or writers or painters, but many seem to be unkindful, in their admiration or even envy, of the price which such persons pay. The struggle for excellence in any field is unrelenting because men have to fight to retain heights, just as they fight to scale them. The price of excellence is unremitting toil, constant self-control and a continual disdain of the shoddy. But the persons who have followed this road, whatever the medium in which they've worked may be, are rightly recognized as the best our race can show. They have not always been happy men and women in all their lives, for happiness is only one aspect of the good life, but the relevant fact is that they have had the vision of greatness, with out which no moral progress is possible. (The Life of Jesus, Trueblood)

ment by Harvey Karpis, in the Rev. 12 Christian Century.

A distorted emphasis on the poverty of God is being used to weaken man's initiative and corrode his sense of responsibility. An undue sense of despair about everything human tends to make any social hope for this earth appear illusory... becomes a theology of accommodation to defeat.

"EENY, MEENY, MINY..."





## THE MAN ABOUT OUR HOUSE-CONT'D

It took them about twice as long to do half as much.

"Sarge" has traveled a long and rough way since his birth in Paradise, Pennsylvania on July 4, 1886. After his childhood and early youth he joined the United States Army and served part of the time as a cook. During his first ten years of service he saw many of the camps in this country and spent four years with the troops in the Philippine Islands. His consideration for others and his willingness to attempt almost any task were apparent at that time. One night while on bivouac, "Sarge" did not feel he should ask his tired buddies to do any more work. With only the assistance of another cook, "Sarge" tried to unload a heavy chest from a wagon. The chest slipped, Sarge was caught under the load and was injured to the extent of a severe hernia. He bore this handicap when he re-enlisted to help in the emergency of World War I. He was trained for light duty as an instructor. We have noted already to what proportions his light duty developed.

In 1919, Clayton Trout was discharged from the Army, was married to Myrtle Yarnall of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and settled down to what one would think to be a less eventful life. In 1920 he came to Lancaster Theological Seminary to fill the position of janitor. In the years that followed his family circle was increased by the adoption of two children: Clayton H., Jr., and Virginia Katherine Trout. Mr. Trout's association with the E & R Church at work does not determine his choice of denomination for he is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church of this city.

In the Army or on the job as janitor here at the Seminary, "Sarge" knows what it means to be on the firing line. In the Army he battled the healthy appetites of soldiers and the worst barrages the enemy could throw in his direction. Here he faces the hungry boilers and all the dirt that generations of students can collect and drag into the buildings. Not to be overlooked are the seasonal obstacles of the ever-growing lawn, the tons of leaves in the fall, and heavy snows of winter. There is the danger of injury here too. Once a horse-drawn snow ploy he was operating struck an obstacle and bucked. On another occasion a pile of camel goods fell mercilessly upon him. In both cases an operation was required to correct the injury.

"Sarge" has seen more student

generations pass through this school than any other person on the staff. His strict personal discipline which reflects his Army experience has carried over into his work. He has always been in conflict with the libertinism in student generations. Those so-called amusing accounts of the destructive pastimes some Alumni take pains to relate have another less amusing side with "Sarge" waging a campaign single-handed to maintain some semblance of order. The students with their practical jokes have passed on. The buildings still stand as a monument to Sarge's victory. The man about our house comments that the sleep he gets before twelve midnight does him the most good. This is easily understood when we know that he used to arise as early as 2:30 a.m. and even now at 4:00 a.m. to carry on his campaign.

We will have to search long and hard to find words that properly describe what "Sarge" means to Lancaster Theological Seminary. No one needed to tell us that he had returned from his treatment at Point Barrow Veterans' Hospital recently, the distinctive sound of the Chapel bell as "Sarge" rings it told us that. -The man around our house may not be able to tell us how to preach but he can really teach us a lot about living a devoted life of service. We honor him and admire his attention to details, his constant enthusiasm for doing a job well, and his continuous persistence under all sorts of conditions.

Reply to letter in The Seminarian, To the editor:

In reference to the letter, "Cooperation Without Compromise?" we send this humble reply.

Regarding the message presented by the members of the Navy Chaplain Reserve Unit, Oct. 29,...(we feel) that they enlightened those present as to the advantages as well as the disadvantages of service in the (Chaplain) Corps.

We ask why there is any "implication of compromise." Is there not compromise among our own civilian preachers and their consistories?

Concerning the (rumored) appropriation of money..to found an Air Force seminary, has this not been brought on by the apathy of civilian seminaries to provide chaplains for Air Force service? ...If the Church at large will not meet the

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## • CONVOCATION STIRS THOUGHT AND TALK

Dr. Ferre's lectures are still the basis of many classroom discussions. In his series of four lectures he left most of us disturbed. In his first lecture Ferre related to the many fields and their particular contributions to the understanding of human nature; he listed man's physical, psychological, sociological, ecological, and symbolic aspects. He then stressed the need to have some understanding of these fields in order to adequately interpret the nature of man. He then opened his discussion of the religious aspect of man which he entered upon in his later lectures.

Dr. Ferre aroused questions when he stated that he felt that one could never be sure of his faith, only satisfied in his search. For this purpose, we reasoned, we were given the gift of reason. In his presentation of man's being created in the image of God giving him the imperative to strive towards agape, Ferre left the way open for the old verbal contests on original sin. A good many of the audience seemed to feel that describing man as Eros with "the categorical imperative to love" as a hole in that Eros was an unfounded parallel. In all Ferre's lectures he continually left his deep concern for man and his search for belief color his lectures; he was continually the theologian-psychologist. Never, throughout the course of the lectures, did he allow the weighty topics to choke out his sense of humor. He amused the seminarians with his allusions to a certain Cassidy.

In closing his discussion on conscience he stated that God is dependable without being predictable, each person is characterized by a certain uniqueness or singleness of heart, and man by nature seeks fellowship. Questions then were asked in his picture of man in eros with the imperative within him bringing him to strive for balance. Ferre explained that man, though primarily interested in self, tends toward fellowship and toward God's agape involves him in a continual struggle for balance. Life and religion are dynamic to Christians in their search for satisfaction.

In his lecture on "Human Nature and Salvation", Ferre went on to explain man's struggle to find satisfaction outside of the realm of the self of eros. The condition Ferre ascribed as arising from man's choice of

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## ANSWER TO LETTER - CONT'D

need and demand for chaplains is it not logical that the Air Force endeavor to train its own?

It was stated in the letter that a chaplain's effectiveness was dependent on his relations with the G.O. On the contrary, the chaplain has no strings placed upon him by the G.O. other than the reasonable demands of training schedules or combat expediency.....a preacher's effectiveness is often limited by an over-dominant consistory.

as regards the freedom to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, courage to preach uninhibited is dependent only upon the individual chaplain or (civilian) clergyman.

It is further stated in the letter that "there is no outlet for these militaristic machine-men if they do receive the Gospel..." No outlets for the...Gospel? We think there are. Nowhere is Christianity displayed in a more positive manner than on the field of conflict. Our soldiers.....are for the most part inducted or recalled involuntarily. Are these men to be denied the Gospel?

...Are we to assume that God has forsaken our land due to the human frailties of our thinking? Shall we beat our swords into plowshares and allow the hordes of Communism....to enslave....the world?

"Wordly reank and position." To lose one's life while ministering to a dying Christian in a uniform he did not desire,--is that worldly rank?

Are we to deny to young men inducted....the right to hear the Gospel?...religious counsel?....Are we to consider (them) hopeless for salvation?....

Ted Saylor  
Vernon Stoop

## NEW DORM AND CHOIR

This year's Convocation saw the opening of the new Seminary dormitory at 330 College Avenue. Following the lecture of the Wednesday morning program, the dorm was open for inspection. Many interested Alumni toured the addition to the Seminary and enjoyed light refreshments provided by the hosts.

Introduction to another part of the Seminary was made. The choir for the 1952-53 season made its first formal appearance at the Tuesday evening meeting when they gave a beautiful rendition of "God is in His Holy Temple."

## CONVOCATION - CON'D

freedom rather than from dependency on the Creator. Only in letting go and finding God real can we find the fellowship with our fellowmen and with God which brings us satisfaction. To have concern first for your fellowmen, this is a glimpse of the salvation God offers. But this salvation is unattainable outside of the bloodstream of the community. Salvation is for all, the lecturer asserted, for the Shepherd waits until the 100th sheep is in the fold.

"An integrated Christian cannot find perfect adjustment to his environment." This statement seemed to arouse the most discussion of Ferre's presentation on "Perfectionism and Sanctification." To be sanctified we must reach out from self and grow in goodness. Only by God's grace can we change.

It is Christ's return which causes the great shock among Christians. He Labeled pulpit pounders as insecure and the critical as possessors of guilt complexes. He closed his lecture with a vital plea that we "turn not away from the living Christ." Pleadingly he reminded that if we are to be sanctified we must cease to live for ourselves. Here again he was able to touch the hearts of his audience as he drew episodes from his own family life in relation to his personal struggle to live for others. He left the phrase "for their sake I sanctify myself", uppermost in the minds of his hearers.

In conclusion he reminded us how we become integrated in Christ as we strive for perfection and sanctification but not necessarily to be adjusted to the world.

As classes of the past month found themselves involved repeatedly in a rehash of the Ferre lectures it became clear that he had truly stirred thought in the seminary circle. His personality seems to have directed us to a more active search of our own beliefs in the light of what this man, whose life seems to have caught glimpses of the divine, presented to us as his interpretation of "Man: A Christian Perspective."

## WEIST

In presenting his picture of "A Winsome Church," the Reverend Elam Weist may not have aroused as much discussion of his topic as did Ferre but he most certainly gave the ministers who heard him a goal toward which to strive in their own churches. Give the church a sense of purpose, a sense of determination, a church that looks to God. A Church must satisfy the needs of its people and it must always grow in Christ-likeness. A winsome church has a

job for all its members: all ages ...the young and the adults. No one should be denied the joy inherent in doing. As Rev. Weist continued he presented a most vital incentive to the promoters of better religious education within the church. There is no doubt that with the emphasis on the children and the youth of the church religious education has often neglected to use the talents within its possession among its older members.

The church must provide heartfelt worship experiences for its members and desire to win them for Christ. This may sound a simple formula, Rev. Weist agreed, but challenged the audience to think of their church. Did it actually have the adventuresome spirit and flexibility requires to make its message a dynamic one to its members? Watch patiently and wait and your dreams for a winsome church will come with prayer and earnest effort, the speaker seemed to be beckoning to his audience.

In his second lecture Rev. Weist gave some actual church programs for the establishment of "A Working Church." Most important to the church program is that it have a mind to work. The paper plans of any church are merely lifeless materials, dreams are made only in honest effort. With love in the service of Christ any church can acquire the spirit to carry forth its program. Rev. Weist also gave the audience a vivid description of the Under Shepherd System in which he had done so much of the developmental planning.

In closing the speaker warned that the "winsome" church must keep the "entire evangelical cycle" of preaching, teaching, winning, training, and using of all members in order to be an adequate church. With this challenge to the promoters of a church fellowship of dynamic personalities in Christ's service, Rev. Weist closed his verbal picture of "The Church of His Dreams."

## THE INAUGURATION

The Inauguration of professors Bela Vassady and Lee Gable seemed a fitting close to the Convocation. As many former Seminarians watched, these newly-elected faculty members took their formal oaths to help in the education of those dedicated to the work of furthering God's kingdom. To me it seemed very fitting to have Dr. Richards pronounce the final benediction. His own life offers to us who are still preparing for service a strong and vital challenge.

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## INAUGURATION- CONT'D

As Dr. Vassady gave his inaugural address on "Christ Jesus - Our Hope", it seemed to be a formal affirmation of what he had given as his basic hopes in our associations with him in Seminary classes. The fulfillment of man's five-fold striving in Christ is the simple, tangible faith that Dr. Vassady has already left to us in his classes. To the churchmen in the audience he presented the assurance that in his teaching he would continually strive, in his humble ways, to give the future leaders of the church the assurance they needed in their preparation to lead others to Christ.

Professor Gable, in pointing out the need for a complete synthesis of heritage and experience in order to have a successful educational program in the church, gave his listeners the essence of his educational philosophy. As he repeatedly emphasized the need to ever use Christ as the standard for any religious program, the mood of the audience seemed to visibly affirm the goals he set.

## WIEST OFFERS CHALLENGE

It seemed as The Reverend Elam Wiest was introduced as the McCauley lecturer he was to be the victim of his inferior feelings as he followed the spontaneous Ferre. Although his challenge for a better, more "win-some" church was a simple one, the lecturer's own deep feeling in the matter made his appeal arresting to the audience. It was a familiar "Dutch" that now replaced the Swedish accent of the previous lecturer. A frankness seemed to draw the listeners to the words of the speaker as he delved into his subject. Where Ferre had allowed his own amusement to be expressed Wiest injected a subtle wit which drove home his keen interest in the job of building a more efficient church program.

He spoke of not fearing "dirty hands" in the effort to secure better religious programs. His sincerity seemed to assert that he, within his own experience, had dirtied his own hands.

## FERRE FIRES STILL BURN

Even now, almost two months since the Seminary Convocation, the fervor of theological discussion still prevades the bull sessions and "whistle stop" chats. Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre not only gave us the usual food for thought but his effervescent spirit brought it to life. A vigorous delivery and a humble searching attitude seemed to mark everything Dr. Ferre said. From the time he delivered his first sentence he showed the mark of a true Christian personality seeking carefully to present something vital to his audience here at the seminary. The talk in the halls after anyone of these lectures indicated the Dr. Ferre had aroused intense thought.

His ability to lose himself so completely in his own task and subject was for him the admiration of the audience. One could not help but mark with interest the resemblances of this Swedish professor to Charles Laugh-ton. He spoke in bursts of contagious enthusiasm which alone would have arrested the attention of wandering minds. No mood ever held sway long in his general delivery; Ferre became the infectuous laughter or the serious lecturer with amazing agility. Here was a man that had found satisfaction in his search for a religious belief, and was now straining with all the effort and ability he could muster to impart the result of his discovery to an audience in the act of similar search. Dr. Ferre left the audience eagerly anticipating the next of his scheduled lectures.

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