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## E D I T O R I A L

How many times did you hear someone say upon your arrival at Seminary -- "Well, here we are!" Yes, here we are! But the important question at the moment is--"Where do we go from here?"

In 1942 Adolph Hitler said, "No one will win the war." That is perhaps the only truthful thing Hitler ever said. The United States and her Allies did not win the war in the sense that everything we had been fighting for was brought into immediate existence on V-J Day. What we did win was the chance to win the peace--and win a Christian peace we must! A one world Christian Fellowship will take a lot of time--a lot of careful planning; but most of a lot of forgiving and a great deal of understanding. We must accept the responsibility for the attainment of a one world Christian fellowship--we dare not pass that responsibility on to someone else. We have the knowledge of this responsibility and so--Where do we go from here?

Our Seminary is attempting to prepare us for full-time employment in God's service. Our faculty does not expect us to do the impossible--what they expect is for us to be ourselves at our best! That is what Jesus expected Simon to be when he said, "Simon, thou art Peter." Simon was still himself; but he was himself at his best.

We have come here to start another year of study about our great Christian heritage and to be reminded once again of our many responsibilities as Christian ministers. We have been provided with the means to this end and so the question of primary importance at the beginning of this new school year is -- Where do we go from here?

( H. Clayton Moyer, Jr. Editor)

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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW STUDENTS

**RICHARD DEILY ABERNETHY** - Dick comes to the Seminary from Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. where the degree of BA in History and Social Studies was conferred on him last Spring. While there he participated in varsity baseball and basketball, was Secretary of the Student Senate for two years, and was President of the Athletic Association for one year. Coplay, Pa., is his hometown, and Coplay High was his high school. His church is Trinity Ref'd., in Coplay. Dick is one of the few G.I.'s here in Seminary; he served in Uncle Sam's Navy for one year, nine months and 25 days.

**ERNEST MAYNARD HAWK** - Ernie is a former "Mule" from Muhlenberg College in Allentown. He has graduated from there with an A.B. Degree in Philosophy and Religion. As well as being in the "Mule's" Band and Choir, Ernie belonged to three honorary fraternities: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Philosophy STA, Sigma Phi Classical Language and Tau Kappa Alpha, Debating. Hailing from Northampton, Pa., Ernie went to the high school there and is a member of St. Paul's E & R Church there. Ernie has done work with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem for the past three years.

Thomas Ervin Hoffa -- Tom is a graduate of Elon College in Elon College, N.C. He was an English major and received his A.B. in that subject last spring. While at Elon, he belonged to the Dr. Johnson Literary Society. Tom was graduated from Elon College High School in 1943. His hometown and his church are Burlington, N.C., and St. Mark's E.&R. Church of that city.

RICHARD ALBRIGHT CHEREK. Dick was graduated from Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C. during this past summer. While he was on campus there, he played two years each of varsity football and baseball. He belonged to Adolphian, pre-ministerial organization, and was elected Chief Marshall of his Junior Class. Dick's hometown is Burlington, N.C., and he is a member of the First E. & R. Church there. Dick also was graduated from the high school in Burlington in 1944. For his 20 years of age, he has a marked N.C., southern accent which gives "Dicky" the nickname "Rebel".

RAYMOND ALEXANDER FAULDS, Jr. -- Ray comes to us from F & M where he received the degree of A.B. in History. He is a member of the F. & M. chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi and also was a member of Phi Upsilon Kappa, the honorary pre-theolog fraternity. As well as singing in the F. & M. Glee Club, Ray acted as its manager. He hails from Mumhall, Pa., where he attended the Mumhall High School. Mumhall is the E. & R. Church of which he is a member in Homestead, Pa.

GEORGE ROHRBAUGH GELSNER -- Ray's room mate George is also an F. & M. man and also an Alpha Sigma Phi. Like Ray too, he belonged to Phi Upsilon Kappa. Unlike his roommate, George played in F. & M.'s orchestra and served on their Inter-Fraternity Council. George majored in Philosophy while in college and left last year without taking his degree. At his hometown in Spring Grove, Pa., George belongs to Lishey's St. Peter's E. & R. Church. His high school was West York High of West York, Pa.

MARIANNA (Mary Anna) NUGENT -- Miss Nugent was graduated from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio in 1947 with an A.B. in English, Sociology and Religious Education. Marianna is the daughter of Rev. W. Carl Nugent who has served during past years as an E. & R. Missionary in Japan. Miss Nugent was born in Tokyo and lived there the first sixteen years of her life. While in Tokyo, she started high school and she continued in Altoona and was graduated from George Washington High in San Francisco. Marianna's home church is Trinity Church in Tiffin. Miss Nugent has served on the National Youth Cabinet of the E. & R. Church and she has also served as Chairman of the Educational Commission of Youth Magazine.

CHARLES MATHEWIEL ALEXANDER -- Charlie left F. & M. last spring without taking his degree. He lives on Willow St., Rt. 1, Lancaster. He attended Manor's High School, and his home church is Maticville Methodist. Charlie is another of our G.I. newcomers, for he spent 39 months in the U.S. Army.

HARLON BREININGER -- Harlon has been ill for the past week, and this is taken from his roommate who has known him but five days. "Salty" is another F&M man. As his roommate tells us, he left F. & M. two credits short of a degree and is getting these along with his other work this Fall. He is one of F. & M.'s Lambda Chi Alpha. "Salty" is a native of Fogelsville, Pa., and he was graduated from Allentown High School in 1944. Sorry, we don't have more on you "Salty", but we'll get it when you're well. O.K.?

The old saying that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" fits Seminars too. For our free time outside the class room we have the opportunity to participate in various Seminary activities. Intra-mural sports provide interest during the football, basketball and softball seasons. As long as weather permits touch football is played on the campus. Then the Seminary vies with the teams of the college intra-mural league. When Spring rolls around softball again provides opportunity for open air competition. In the Dorm basement facilities are provided for ping pong as well as for hand ball and shuffle board.

For those who like to sing the Seminary Choir provides opportunity to exercise the vocal chords. On special occasions the Choir adds much to the devotional life of the Seminary. In addition, the Choir goes on tour during the Lenten season and travels to various churches and communities, providing an inspirational program of sacred music.

The Society of Inquiry is the student association which provides for self government as well as the presentation of various programs. It also sponsors picnics, receptions, and other social events.

At intervals during the school year the students are invited into the homes of the faculty where the student and the professor meet in an informal fellowship. There is a Dormitory Council composed of Seminary and College representatives. This Council deals with problems that may arise in Richard's Hall as well as promoting a good relationship between the two groups.

(Dick Johnson)

#### WELCOME ADDITIONS

Seldom has there been a time in the history of the Seminary when there has been such a complete change in teaching staff. I do not mean to say that there is anything drastic about the revisions that have taken place, they are simply a result of natural growth and transformation, coming to a single point of action. Great effort was required on the part of the Corporation and the Board of Visitors to fill the Chair of Practical Theology which had been left vacant after the death of Dr. Bair, to find two men to assume the presidency and the chair of Systematic Theology, both positions having been held by President and Professor Emeritus, Dr. Herman, and to lay the foundation for the establishment next May of a new chair, that of Missions and Ecumenics, required a great deal of thoughtful endeavor.

It is proper, therefore, that the men who are occupying new chairs to be given some attention and words of introduction.

DR. ALLAN S. MECK - a graduate of the Class of 1908 of Franklin and Marshall College and a graduate of the Seminary (1911). A year of post graduate work followed at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. During the succeeding years, he served charges at Ephrata, St. Mark's Easton, and Trinity First, York. During his active pastorate he welcomed 1555 members into the fellowship of the church. Dr. Meck brings to the Seminary an ability well-suited to the manifold responsibilities of his office. His service on many committees will be an asset in that he has developed a wide acquaintance with churches in practically every section of the country. We extend to Dr. Meck our sincere desire that his administration will be eminently successful.

DR. WILLIAM F. KOSMAN - pursued all the opportunities for higher education which was offered by the Reformed Church during his student days. By that I mean that he attended Mercersburg Academy, Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary, all Reformed Schools. In addition, he studied at Lehigh University and during the past year took graduate work in Theology at Yale Divinity School. While in the active pastorate he served charges at Sellersville, Riegelsville, Altoona, Pottsville and Allentown. His interest in the Seminary has been manifested by the services rendered as a member of the Board of Visitors, serving as president of this board for a number of years. This was not his only interest for he also served on several committees and commissions of the church.

DR. HARNER is quite familiar to students of the Seminary. The roots he established here are not only individual but have become a tradition for his father was also graduated from this Seminary. After Dr. Harner's graduation from Franklin and Marshall and the Seminary, he served a short pastorate at Lehighton and then studied for three and a half years at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University where he received his doctor's degree. When a need was felt for the establishment of a Chair of Christian Education, Dr. Harner was selected to be its first occupant. This post he held from 1929 to 1943. It was then that he accepted a call to the position of President of Heidelberg College. We are indeed grateful that Professor Harner saw fit to return to this institution and to make his talents available to us. The widespread reputation achieved through the circulation of his books and periodical articles should be helpful in increasing the prestige of the Seminary as a whole.

The following two men are well-known to most of us because of their presence among us in previous years. Last year, Dr. Sayres served as professor of Christian Education and Dr. Beaver was the visiting professor of Missions and Ecumenics. The position of both of these men has been changed and therefore they are also deserving of consideration in this article. Dr. Sayres has been elected to the Chair of Practical Theology and Dr. Beaver will be the permanent professor of the newly-created chair of Missions and Ecumenics which will be instituted next May.

DR. SAYRES also studied at Franklin and Marshall graduating from the Seminary in 1917, and received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology after one year's study at Union. He served Second Reformed at Harrisburg for five years and St. John's at Lansdale for twenty-one years. During 1944-45 he was the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education. Before coming here, he spent two years at Yale and Union. All of this experience should be most helpful in the work of Practical Theology. Dr. Sayres has indicated a desire to emphasize voice training and Pastoral care and counseling in these courses.

DR. BEAVER who has been with us since 1944, has had a lengthy period of study extending from Oberlin College, Cornell University (doctorate 1933), University of Munich, Yale University, College of Chinese Studies, Peiping, to Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. Interspersed between these periods of study and teaching he served pastorates in Cincinnati, Ohio, Baltimore, Md., and as the Mission Representative at Shanghai. "Below the Great Wall" just off the press, is his latest contribution to an impressive list of books and articles already published. Soon to be completed is "The Liturgy in the Life of the Church" and "The Theology of the Christian World Mission."

I am fully aware that what I have said does not by any means do justice to the accomplishments of these men. I hope that I am right in the supposition that most of you are interested in the educational achievements of these men rather than with biographical sketches. An appraisal of the personality of these men could have been attempted, but I feel certain that you will derive more pleasure in doing this for yourself. The very fact that the faculty has been increased is proof of this. More varied subjects are being presented which should serve us in our preparation for the ministry. In conclusion, let us be encouraged by the progress which has been made.

(Paul Oberkircher)

### THIS IS YOUR MOVEMENT

Anyone at all conversant with what is happening in the Christian world cannot help but realize that the Church is slowly and surely submitting to an ecumenical reformation - the outcome of which we hope will be the fulfillment of our Lord's prayer "that they may all be one". Students throughout the seminaries of this country and other lands have been given an opportunity to share in this movement by participation in the Inter-Seminary Movement. At Oxford, Ohio this past summer the movement adopted as its purpose the following statement:

"The Inter-Seminary Movement is that movement of students and faculty in institutions in the United States which train men and women for the various aspects of the Ministry, who because of their faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord are dedicated to the ecumenical reformation."

"This term means not merely that movement which seeks greater unity among the existing churches. It refers rather to that fundamental reawakening among individuals, congregations and denominations which leads to the pursuit of the full mission of the Church Jesus Christ founded in the entire world and which seeks greater unity among Christians and Churches in this world mission."

The Inter-Seminary Movement can be dated as far back as 1880 when the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance was formed at Rutgers. In 1923 the Association of Eastern Theological Schools was formed. It is of interest to note that Dr. Harner was on the Executive Committee of this group. This Association became the forerunner of the Middle Atlantic Regional Council. The group to which we belong in the Inter-Seminary Movement. This Fall on Oct. 10th and 11th Lancaster will entertain this Council. Representatives will come from seminaries as far west as Pittsburgh, as far north as Rochester, as far East as Princeton and New York City and as far south as Richmond, Va.

This summer several of the faculty and students were privileged to attend the first North American Inter-Seminary Conference at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio from June 11-18th. The conference was tremendously successful and was extensively noted by both church and secular press. The "Christian Century" referred to the conference as the "little Oxford". Not only were there some 500 delegates present from the United States but nearly 100 from Canada consisting largely of Anglicans and the United Church. Also present were seminarians from such far off places as China, India, Holland, France, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and the Philippines. Denominations ranged all the way from such groups as the Fire Baptized Holiness to the Greek Orthodox. Some twenty-four Evangelical-Reformed delegates spent a pleasant few hours with 28 Congregational representatives. United, the group formed one of the largest Protestant groups present, surpassed only by the Methodists and Baptists.



A significant fact in view of the impending merger. The Lancaster delegation especially enjoyed its fellowship with Eden Theologues. The wish was expressed by both groups that some system might be arranged by which both groups could come to know each other better. The conference theme was: "Man's Disorder and God's Design". Lectures, panel-discussions and smaller discussion groups were the order of the day. A glance at the conference program will soon reveal the type of leadership the conference was privileged to have. Such men as Elton Trushlood, Charles Taft, Georgia Markness, Theodore Greene, Mordecai Johnson, John Bennett, John Mackay, Kenneth Lacourette, Henry Van Busen, Frederick Neide and Douglas Horton were present and spoke. In addition there were other equally interesting and capable men perhaps not quite as well known who either lectured or served as discussion group leaders. It was however at the services of worship that many of us felt our essential "Oneness" and unity most keenly. Here as we prayed and worshipped together the realization slowly dawned that though our outward forms may differ, yes, even our theologies as long as we kept Jesus Christ central we had infinitely more in common; and most of us left Oxford with the determination to do our part for the ecumenical reformation.

Lancaster Inter-Seminary Representatives Joseph Huntley, Senior Representative and Edward Tallis, Junior Representative.

(Joseph Huntley)

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Editor's Note: The list of students (new) as contained in this issue are not complete. The list will be completed in the next issue of "The Seminarian."