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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....

For centuries the tradition of the Reformation has engendered in members of the Protestant Church a very unfortunate attitude. In one grand sweep the abuses and merits of Rome were thrust aside. In an attempt to eliminate the cancers of corruption in the Roman Church the reformers amputated every limb that made the Church a perfectly proportioned body designed to fill every need of its membership.

The most lamentable loss sustained in this repudiation of everything reminiscent of Roman Catholicism was the aesthetic factor in worship. Beautiful sanctuaries, beautiful symbols, beautiful vestments, beautiful music, and beautiful services were rejected as undesirable, an action that set back Protestant Christendom entire centuries. Comparatively recent movements to restore beauty to the Protestant Church have met with a certain degree of success, but there is room for a great deal of further progress.

The philosopher Santayana, son of atheistic parents, himself an unbeliever, felt that the existence of religion was completely justified by an aesthetic principle. Religion brings beauty, and with beauty, richness and fulness into our lives. And there is no one, inside or outside the Church, who could deny the important place which beauty holds in our religion.

We should all take pride in the contribution which our Seminary is making toward engendering the need of such an element of beauty in the minds of its students. Our chapel is beautiful. The altar flowers, the candles, the music, the liturgical service -- all contribute to conditioning the minds of embryo ministers to the powerful influence of the aesthetic factor. Exemplary of the effect of the aesthetic factor was the emotion engendered in everyone present at the service at which the Bach Toccata and Fugue in D minor was rendered so well in the worshipful atmosphere of a darkened chapel.

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PARTY AT THE P. T. PROF'S PLACE

Newsflash!!.....This is station WSEM bringing you the latest reports from the meeting of Committee B of the Theological Social Council. The meeting took place at the home of one of the chairmen, Dr. Sayres. There were no vetoes on any major measures, but from behind the Iron Curtain, Foreign Minister Pirazzini proceeded to challenge the statements of the chairman and give his own version. Aside from this, the Foreign Minister gave many interesting sidelights and reports on conditions in his sector of N. Y. City. Chairman Sayres gave a detailed account of an experience gained while investigation behind part of the Iron Curtain. He was seized from behind and an attempt was made upon his life. He was saved by one of his secretaries from being hanged.

From the Near East came the 3 Wise Guys who, one by one, amazed the gathering by preconceived revelation. These swamis did not capture the heart of the council nearly so completely as did one military attache who was present. Capt. Delp was concentrating on statistics to be given in a later report; he lost control of the trend of thought and blurted out some confidential figures in the midst of an attempt at reorganization.

Seems that some unidentified members of Heresy Incorporated had made their stand at Sayres Manor the night before. The Council on Subversive Activities has no releases for publication.

STRICTLY CHATTER

We understand that the third floor wives nor have regular shifts to help keep the mud out of their shower room.Last week Gertie Pirazzini's voice broke the silence of the third deck hall: "Don't choke Merv too hard, Dot"Stan and Kitty Dunn no longer have bandages on their big toes. It seems that Stan got ambitious and fixed the doorknob that kept coming off.

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At Christmas of 1946 there was a high communion service in the Santee Chapel. Mr. McConnell graciously consented to employ the services of the boys' choir of St. James church to increase the effectiveness of the service. There could not have been one person who failed to catch the note of deep reverence that held sway. If it is not too late I would like this editorial to constitute a plea for the repetition of this service in the interest of an increased meaningfulness of our worship.

Dave Mack

SEMINARY CHOIR

For many years the Choir has been the link between the Seminary and the churches of the East. Annually, the Choir has made concert tours in the spring, acquainting the church at large with Lancaster Seminary and to familiarize our men with various churches in the Eastern area. This year promises to be one of the best that the Choir has had in recent years. Composed of 23 voices, the Choir shows promise of a successful series of tours. It made its first public appearance several weeks ago at one of the E. Stanley Jones services held at St. Paul's Church. The result is most encouraging. And under the capable direction of Prof. McConnell, prospects for an excellent season are now in the process of realization.

Tentative plans now call for a tour into the South, beginning Tuesday, March 1, and ending Sunday, March 6. Churches in Virginia and North Carolina are being scheduled for the tour. Later in the spring the Choir will visit churches in the local area, but as of now, these plans have not been completed.

The Director and Manager wish to take this opportunity to express their sincere appreciation to the choir members and students for their cooperation in making this year's Choir one of the best in recent years. It is even more gratifying to know that we shall present a program worthy of being the best that the Seminary has to offer.

Grant E. Harrity

"Laughing" Bob Mays was under the weather one evenin' last week. Rumors have it that either Ray Harwick, Fran Ringer, Tom Hoffman, or an airplane had something to do with Bob's trouble.

ALONG THE SIDELINES

At last the Crusaders broke into the win column with a forfeit victory over the Phi Kap's. This staved off a shutout season. On Nov. 8 the Crusaders forfeited to the Zebras. The game was scheduled for Monday afternoon and, since a football game does not constitute a legal cut here, there was no team to take the field.

The one game out of the last three on the official schedule which was played was taken by the Pi Lam's 19-6. However, the score does not show the calibre of the game. Although the Crusaders were hampered by the loss of an entire team due to injuries and a conflicting basketball schedule, the game was closer than the score reads. The Seminary drew first blood when Ray Harwick stepped off a neat fifty yard run. The fleet Crusader speed merchant found a big hole in the opposing line and outran the secondary for the T. D. Glatfelter's pass to Harwick for the extra point was knocked down and the score was 6-0. Then the Pi Lam's started to work and before they finished they had three scores, one on a long run and the other two on passes. Late in the fourth period, the Crusaders were twice inside the Pi Lam's five yard line, but they couldn't pay off, the whistle sounded. Because of the lack of subs most of the Crusaders played at least two thirds of the game; but with it all they were hard to beat. There was some standout blocking on the line and good pass defense in the backfield. Lutz proved to be a particular thorn in the side of the frat boys, catching their ball carriers behind the line for big losses time after time.

With the forfeited Phi Kap game, football bowed out for this season at the Seminary. The record wasn't too good this year: 1 win, 1 tie, 6 losses. But along with another hard luck man, Connie Mack, we'll say, "Wait until next year."

Dick Glatfelter

.....The professors around here must be working for Coca Cola. John Martin tells us that on the nite before a test coke sales are doubled.. Davcy Mark's question about favorite sons in O. T. has us wondering whether he might not have had his mind on southern politics.....A gentleman from the Bureau of Internal Revenue has been looking for a heavy income tax evader. The object of his search is the magnate of the Papenmeier Study Stand Corporation.