

" THE SEMINARIAN "

Published By
The Student Body
of the
Evangelical and Reformed Seminary
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

THE TESTIMONY OF
GREAT MEN



"It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people." - Horace Greeley.

"The Bible has been the Magna Charta of the poor and the oppressed." - Thomas Huxley.

"The existence of the Bible as a book for the people is the greatest benefit which the human race has ever experienced." - Immanuel Kant.

"I consider an intimate knowledge of the Bible an indispensable qualification of a well-educated man. Contact with the finest influences which have ever come into human life can be obtained only in this way." - Robert A. Millikan.

(American Scientist, Nobel Prize, 1923).

"Whether it be of the law, business, morals, or that vision which leads the imagination in the creation of constructive enterprises for the happiness of mankind, he who looks for guidance in any of these things may look inside its covers and find illumination." - Herbert Hoover.

"It is my confident hope that my subjects may never cease to cherish their noble inheritance in the English Bible, which, in a secular aspect, is the first of national treasures and is, in its spiritual significance, the most valuable thing that this world affords." - George V.

(former king of Great Britain)



THE BOOK BEARS TESTIMONY
OF ITSELF

"Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous
things out of thy law." Psalm 119:18.

God's Word is a Living Power.— Hebrews 4:12.

A Seed.— Luke 8:4-15.

A Weapon Against Evil.— Ephesians 6:17.

A Cleansing Agent.— Psalm 119:9-11.

A Teacher.— Psalm 19:7.

A Comfort.— Psalm 119:50.

The Sure Effectiveness of the Word.— Isaiah 55:10-11.

Not to be Destroyed.— Isaiah 40:8.

To Be Studied.— John 5:39.

Is Profitable.— 2 Timothy 3:16.

For Doctrine.— Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 119:97-100;
1 Timothy 4:6,13,16.

For Reproof.— Acts 2:37,38; 2 Timothy 4:2;
Proverbs 6:23.

For Correction.— Psalm 119:9; Galatians 6:1,2.

For Instruction in Righteousness.— Psalm 119:7-11.
Proverbs 4:10-13; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6.

The Result.— 2 Timothy 3:17; Psalm 119:1,2.

In Order to Receive the Benefits of the Word.— James
1:22-25.

A Prayer for the Spread of the Word.— 2 Thessalonians
3:1.

Power to Bless.— Psalm 119:1,2,130.

* OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES OF THE MILITARY *

by Roy L. Smith (continued)

#4. "Parochial Paralysis"

A particularly distressing disease is "parochial paralysis", a malady that affects the vision resulting in short-sightedness and seriously impairing the hearing. The victim goes groping about the narrow confines of his parish fumbling with details and frequently occupied for long periods of time with trifles, suffering meanwhile a serious disintegration of the conscience. The victim seems utterly incapable of hearing any cry of need that comes from a distance, and in its final stage one who is afflicted with the disease becomes totally unable to see large objectives at a distance while small ones near at hand are distorted out of all proportion. He usually provides well for local support.

#5. "Denominational Dyspepsia"

One of the milder maladies is "denominational dyspepsia". It usually breaks out in a form of restlessness, attended by a nervous habit of looking about for "larger opportunities of freedom" in other communions. The victim frequently suffers from the hallucination that he is ~~the~~ victim of discrimination at the hands of denominational authorities until this obsession becomes a sort of phobia. Irritability, cynicism, bitterness and talkativeness are among the more evident symptoms, but the tragic effects are to be seen in depleted spirituality, mercenariness and pastoral incompetency.

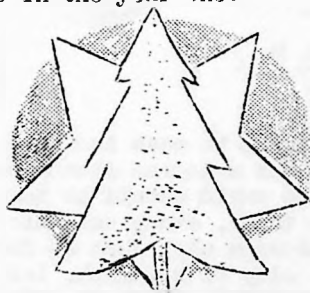
#6. "Spiritual Myopia"

"Spiritual myopia" is one of the most common of these diseases, usually resulting in muddled thinking and faulty vision. It results from a too close apprehension to detail and routine which eventually makes it impossible to detect relative values. Ritual looks as large as righteousness and ceremony as large as character to one who suffers from this affliction. Instances are on

(please turn to page 9)

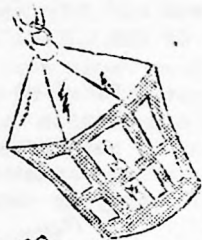
CABINET WAS FOR JOHN A. THE FIRST YEAR
OF THE CHRISTIANITY

HE was born about four years before the period (about 4 B.C.) when the era began. A mistake in computation by a sixth-century chronologist is responsible for this common and erroneous understanding that Christ's birth was in the year one.



... DEVOTIONAL READINGS ...
for the
Coming Weeks

Dec. 3, John 8:1-12	Dec. 21, Luke 2:1-14
4, Gal. 5:22-25	22, Mark 1:1-6
5, Titus 2:1-14	23, John 3:14-21
6, Col. 2:1-7	24, 1 Peter 2
7, 1 Peter 4:7-11	25, Matt. 1:16-25
8, Isa. 1:2-9	26, Psalm 51:1-17
9, Isa. 40:9-31	27, Isa. 11:1-10
10, 2 Cor. 3:12-18	28, Heb. 11:32-40
11, 1 John 2:12-17	29, John 4:6-26
12, Acts 3:1-10	30, Dan. 6:1-11
13, Jer. 17:1-8	31, Psalm 90
14, John 1:1-14	Jan. 1, 2 Tim. 3 - 4:8
15, Isa. 53	2, John 13:12-16
16, 2 Cor. 4:1-10	3, Jer. 18:1-10
17, Psalm 119:1-16	4, Eph. 5:6-14
18, Isa. 55:6-13	5, Heb. 12:1-11
19, Phil. 2:1-13	6, Micah 6:6-9
20, Isa. 9:1-4	7, Psalm 121



Fear

Not

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord shone upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord".

-- St. Luke 2:1-11.

-- GOING UP TO THE FEAST --

It is our privilege once more to join the pilgrims on their annual journey to the Great Feast, CHRISTMAS. May we, as did the Greeks in the 12th chapter of John, "go up to worship at the feast". May it be "worship" and not "feasting" that characterizes our purpose in celebrating Christmas. If this be our purpose we will find the desire of those Greeks the yearning of our hearts, "We would see Jesus". Unless a desire like this has a grip upon us Christmas will be apt to come and go leaving us "fuller" perchance but not richer because of our part in the festivities.

An earnest desire to see Jesus anew must grow first of all out of a feeling of dissatisfaction with experience and vision already attained. Full contentment is not conducive to new outreaches of experience and faith. There must be an awareness of a void that needs to be filled before the prospect of seeing Jesus anew can in any way add to our Christmas joy. Let us therefore examine ourselves and find if possible our deepest shortcomings and then approach Christmas saying with sincerity "We would see Jesus".

A second requisite for an earnest desire to see Jesus anew is an abiding conviction that what we lack can be found in a fuller knowledge of and acquaintance with Jesus. That is, we must believe that the enrichment of life we seek can and must be found in a religious outlook and experience. Having such a conviction we naturally approach Christmas not only with a desire but almost an assurance that its hallowed associations will enrich us in such a fashion that looking back upon the feast when it is over we will be able to say "We saw the Babe of Bethlehem anew" and we shall go on glorifying God because of that which we saw and heard and experienced in the Christmas festivities.

- DR. OWEN S. FRANTZ. -7-

-- OUR CHRISTMAS SUPPLICATION --
TO GOD

Dear Father, our years are cradled in Thee. Before ever we came to conscious being, or smiled back at a loving face, our lives were sustained by Thee. We thank Thee for thy revealed face in Christ Jesus. May His spirit keep us worshipful toward Thee and loving toward all. Help us to become ambassadors of justice, truth, and peace, as we laud and magnify Thy glorious name. In the deepest need of our soul we pray. In the name of Jesus, the Messiah. Amen.



There will be a joint Academy, College, and Seminary Assembly on the morning of December 16, in Hansel Hall. The musical organizations of the three institutions will sing a number of Christmas selections.

December 17 - The Seminary Christmas Party.

"The Seminarian" will next be published on January 7. All information to be included in the next issue should be handed in not later than December 18.

The Christmas Recess begins on December 18, at noon, and ends January 6.

In this issue the Editors extend to you wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy Year.

* OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES OF THE MINISTRY *

(continued from page 4)

record of victims who have made savage attacks on God-fearing leaders of righteous causes because they appeared to the victim of spiritual myopia as dark hued monsters. A marked ferocity of temper and venom of tongue are two of the most usual symptoms. This disease is seldom fatal but it makes the sufferer a hard patient to handle.

Certain mild forms of hysteria, resulting from a sudden sight of Roman Catholic priests, are occasionally evident among the clergy, as also temporary dementia following political campaigns, industrial disorders and social adjustments.

-- Effecting A Cure

Unfortunately, comparatively little attention has been given to the occupational diseases of the ministry. In most cases the victims themselves are unconscious of their infections. To effect a cure is frequently a very difficult matter, requiring a more or less elaborate technique in the hands of experts. In a very few cases the only hope lies in the complete removal of the victim from the labors of the profession, but in the great majority of cases the sufferer can be treated while at work. Each individual case demands personal treatment for few will make identical responses to the same treatments. The first thing to be done in any case, however, is to bring about an attitude of confidence and trust on the part of the sufferer toward the practitioner. For this reason wives are excellent aides, if they are not similarly infected. Then the patient must be led to discover his own condition and induced to spend long hours in self-examination and personal devotion, culminating in a new consecration to his high calling. At all odds he must be prevented from too much morbid introspection and self-pity.

In the interest of extending the kingdom of heaven, we respectfully suggest that a careful study of these occupational diseases of the ministry be referred to a board of experts. -9-



'Twas long ago, outside the city wall,
A babe was born within a straw-filled
stall;
While cattle loved to sound His birth,
The angels acclaimed His wondrous
worth.

Ah! yes, away from Beth'lem's stormy
strife,
Away from restless human life,
Amid the gray of quiet morn,
The Lord, the Prince of Peace was
born.

But Wise Men came with pensive mind,
And trailed the Star their Lord to
find;
And shepherds left their slumbering
fold,
Their Shepherd King swift to behold.

If we today our Lord would meet,
We too must leave the noisy street;
For in some humble dwelling-place
We'll meet the Christ-Child face to
face.

— PAUL E. SCHLOYER.

~ Thru the  Key-hole ~

Santa Claus Musser cordially invites you to come to see him at Sear's Toyland. Our boys not only attended the interseminary conference, but also witnessed the Rutgers-Lafayette football game - Two weeks ago Andreas taught the men of Leister's Sunday School in Penn'a German - If Staudt isn't in class on Thursday no one should be surprised because that is the day that Pottsville is celebrating Thanksgiving - Holt presided at the console of the organ at St. Luke's Church on Thanksgiving - We wonder if Snodgrass thought he fooled anyone when he said that he didn't fit in with the "bull-sessions" at the interseminary conference - Bartholomew wondered if Thomas (Didymus) was a twin to anyone we might know? - Walper was seen returning with an armful of books. Can one consider that he might have studied during the vacation? - Schauer could have hardly done any studying because he had so many "appointments" with a certain little friend whose acquaintance he has made in the past few weeks - Vimer seemed rather quiet in the dining room on the night when Dr. Eudge was here. We wonder if it might have been Dr. Herman's presence? - Link had a great breakfast on Monday morning. He was the only one down in the dining room to eat and Strauch was the only waiter - Billmeyer is quite charitable with his football services. It didn't seem to bother him much when he had his lip cut, but his girl friend was greatly concerned when she came to see him the day after - When you see Leonard, Robb, or Rohrbough all you need say to get their attention is "Sarah" - Dr. Air tells us that he used to go to the university in the morning, a ball game in the afternoon, and then smoke a cigar in the evening. That is the closest he expected to come to the realization of heaven. According to this Rissinger would have been with him in heaven only in the afternoons.



Unto us
A Child is born,
Unto us
A Son is given...
And his Name
Shall be called
Wonderful,
Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.