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### EDITORIAL

The academic year is drawing to a close. In a few short weeks Commencement exercises will begin, and thirteen senior students will graduate and take their places in the field as ministers in His service. To these departing graduates we wish the greatest success as they actively enter upon the work of their calling. Individually, we feel that they have been well prepared and have proved themselves well qualified to give to a desperate world what it needs most - faith and trust in a living God. Upon these graduates, and others like them, rests the heavy responsibility of bringing the Christian Gospel to all peoples as the one hope of salvation for a world recklessly driving itself to utter destruction.

Few times in history has the Christian ministry been faced with such grave problems as face it today - problems which can be solved only through the Gospel. The task ahead is not easy. There is a message to be proclaimed a cause to be fought for and won. Now as never before, our Christian leaders must pave the way for mutual understanding as the part of all men. The alternative is the wide path which leads to inevitable and total destruction. The Christian minister must lead the way. He must recognize and attack feverously the basic ills that beset the world. His is not merely to tinker with the symptoms, as so many are doing, but rather to face squarely the fundamental evils entrenched in our human existence.

War in itself is but a manifestation of something deeper and more basic. The problem cannot be solved by attacking war alone. We must rather probe deeper realms and root out the causes of this evil which is steadily draining our moral and spiritual strength and leading the world to inevitable destruction. It is the disease of hatred that must be rooted out - hatred that must be approached, attack and overcome as never before. The sands of time are running low, and unless Christianity can accomplish that task it shall have failed in its purpose to bring the world its most precious possession - the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the one light in a world of darkness.

Heavy, moral, ethical, and religious responsibility lie with all who enter the ministry. Ministry for the sake of professionalism is not enough. The church, if it is to remain true to its founder must concern itself with much more than self-continuation and self-preservation at the expense of its Christian message. There is but one answer to the ill of the world, and that is the Christian Gospel. To that end the ministry must be dedicated. To our graduating seniors we can wish nothing more than they may become a group of sincere consecrated Christian laborers committed to the task of turning the world upside down for the purpose of setting it right side up. May they serve God and His people faithfully and effectively.

EDITORIAL  
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In accordance with the constitution recently adopted by the Society of Inquiry, this issue will be the last under the present editor and his staff. Beginning next September and continuing throughout the school year, a new editor and staff will take over the responsible duties of editing and publishing The Seminarian.

In our first issue we made but one promise - that your help and assistance we would earnestly strive to issue a publication worthy of this Seminary. We realize only too well our many shortcomings and failures as we attempted to accomplish our purposes and promise. We are indeed grateful for the interest of the students and faculty, as evidenced by helpful suggestions. But more than that, your active participation in contributing regularly to these editions has been sincerely appreciated. Without your cooperation we would not have accomplished anything. Rarely, if ever, were we met with refusal when we asked for contributions. To all you, therefore, the editor and his staff wish to express their heartfelt thanks for your effort and valuable time so that we could issue a worthy Seminarian.

There is one special acknowledgement that we wish to make. That is to John Zinn, who has faithfully typed the stencils and mimeographed all issues of this paper. Without his valuable assistance we should have been immeasurably handicapped. His work has been excellent and he deserves the commendation not only of the staff, but of the entire Seminary family.

To the newly appointed editor, Francis E Ringer, we wish the greatest success in his undertaking. It is to be hoped that the present spirit of cooperation among students and faculty not only will continue, but also will increase, becoming more apparent and active throughout the coming year. With your help and assistance, The Seminarian, can go forward serving more adequately the needs of this Seminary.

The Editorial Staff  
Grant E. Harrity, Editor

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Dr. Beaver Resigns

It is with sincere regret that we take leave of Dr. Pierce Beaver, whose resignation takes effect immediately upon the close of the school year. Since his coming four years ago, Dr. Beaver has served effectively and faithfully as professor of Ecumenics and Missions, a post that will be vacated by his departure.

An ordained minister of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Dr. Beaver did extensive teaching in American schools and colleges and served two pastorates (Cincinnati and Baltimore) before entering the mission field in China. In 1939 he was called to Shanghai as a mission representative. In 1940 He became the professor of Church History and Worship at Central Union Theological Seminary, a post which he held until the war, when he was interned at Hong Kong and later repatriated to the United States.

Dr. Beaver has written numerous articles for various historical journals and church papers, especially for Church History. His first book, The House of God, was published in 1935. The Year of Grace appeared the following year, and Below the Great Wall, a picture book of traditional Chinese folk tales, was published in 1947. Two more books, Towering Over the Wrecks of Time and The Liturgy in the Life of the Church, are nearing completion. The Theology of the Christian World Mission is now in progress.

Beginning in June, Dr. Beaver will become the Curator of the Foreign Missionary Library in New York and will be associated with Union Theological Seminary. His new position is a great calling, and we wish him the greatest success. His contributions to Lancaster Seminary have been immense. Ever willing and able to help and assist students in their various problems, Dr. Beaver will long be remembered by those who sat under him at this Seminary. In scholarship he excels, and his students will always feel toward him sincere appreciation for his effective classroom work.

And so to Dr. Beaver, his wife and family, we bid farewell. Ours is a debt of gratitude and appreciation for the tireless service they have rendered to this Seminary and the community. May God be with them always.

#### A MINISTER'S BOOKSHELF

Dr. R. Pierce Beaver

Some timely titles in Ecumenics and Liturgics

#### I Ecumenics

##### A. Christianity Today

Latourette and Hogg, Tomorrow is Here

Leiper, H.S., ed. Christianity Today

Van Dusen, H.P., World Christianity, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

The Interseminary Series, 5 volumes

##### B. The Ecumenical Movement in General and the World Council of Churches

Brown, W.A. Towards a World Council of Churches

Christendom (an ecumenical quarterly)

An "Ecumenical Journal" will make its first appearance next summer

The Amsterdam Conference:

Bennett, John Man's Disorder and God's Design (pamphlet)

Herklots and Leiper Pilgrimage to Amsterdam

The Amsterdam Conference Series and reports will be published for general sale next autumn after the Conference

##### C. Missions

###### History

Aberly, John Outline of Missions (a brief one volume sketch)

Latourette, K.S. The Unquenchable Light

A History of the Expansion of Christianity (7 volumes)

###### Philosophy, Principles, and Practice

Anderson, W. ed. The Christian World Mission

Madras Conference Series, 7 volumes, and report, "The World Mission of the Church"

Sover, E.D. The Philosophy of the Christian World Mission

Thomas, W. The Missionary

Wiser, W.M. and C.V. For All of Life

#### II Liturgics

##### A. History, Principles and Practice

Brenner, S.F. The Way of Worship

Brillioth, Y. Eucharistic Faith and Practice

Devan, S.A. Ascent to Zion

Dix, G. Shape of the Liturgy

Hardman, O. A History of Christian Worship

Lowrie, Walter Art in the Early Church

Maxwell An Outline of Christian Worship

Morey, C.R. Early Christian Art

A History of Medieval Art

Short History of Religious Architecture

Underhill, E. Worship

Vogt, Von O. Art and Religion

Webber, F. R. Church Symbolism

The Small Church

##### B. Service Books and Source Materials

Church of Scotland The Book of Common Order

Prayers for the Church Year

Evangelical and Reformed Church Book of Worship (latest edition)

## P. Service Books and Source Materials (con't)

Flomberg, D.J.	<u>The World at One in Prayer</u>
Fox, S.F.	<u>A Chain of Prayer Across the Ages</u>
(Grey Book)	<u>The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory</u>
Hunter, John	<u>Devotional Service</u>
Noyes	<u>Prayers for Services</u>
(Orchard)	<u>Divine Service</u>
Protestant Episcopal Church	<u>Book of Common Prayer</u>
R.C.U.S.	<u>Order of Worship</u>
	<u>Book of Worship</u>
Suter, J.W.	<u>Book of English Collects</u>
Tileston, M.W.	<u>Prayers Ancient and Modern</u>
United Lutheran Church	<u>Common Service Book</u>
	<u>Collects and Prayers</u>

## Prayer and Devotional Classics

Buttrick, G.F.	<u>Prayer</u>
Herman, E.	<u>Creative Prayer</u>
Laubach, Frank	<u>Prayer, the Mightiest Force in the World</u>
Steele, Douglas	<u>Prayer and Worship</u>
	<u>On Beginning from Within</u>

For a good list of the devotional classics and available editions see pages 69 and 70 in Steele, Prayer and Worship

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Before long the learned Seniors will graduate from this institution of learning and will occupy their respective positions as labourers in the Lord's vineyard. At the present date, many of the members of the class are certain of their field of labor. The remainder hope to be placed in the near future.

Richard Henry Aulenbach, has been elected pastor of the Holyoke Evangelical and Reformed Church, Holyoke, Massachusetts. He will also continue his studies at the Hartford Theological Seminary, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Joseph D. Huntley, will be associate minister of the First Congregational Church, Chicago, Ill. Brother Joseph, always eager, cannot wait for the merger.

Harold W. Bonner, will continue to serve as Director of Religious Education at the Hershey Industrial School, Hershey, Penna.

Lewis E. Everline, has been elected pastor of the Hamilton Park Mission of our Church. Lewis has been serving in this capacity for a year.

Charles M. Limbar, will serve as pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, East Hamilton Street, Allentown, Penna.

James F. Mort, a member of the Methodist Church, will serve as pastor of the Marticville-Clearfield Churches. James has been serving these churches during his entire Seminary career.

Henry Clayton Moyer, Jr., will serve as assistant pastor of Christ's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Maryland. He insists upon giving his personal address (48 Broadway, Hagerstown, Md.) in case members of the opposite sex should be interested.

Marion E. Smith, has been unofficially elected pastor of the McConnellstown charge of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, McConnellstown, Penna.

Beatrice Weaver, has been elected to serve as assistant pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lancaster, Penna.

Charles A. Price, will serve as pastor of St. Mary's Evangelical and Reformed Church at Silver Run, Maryland.

Joseph H. Miller and George D. MacNeal, are not yet certain of their future stamping grounds.

John Zinn, has not yet been placed. Due to illness John lost a semester's work which he will complete next fall.

May they "show themselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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## The Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class

The present Senior Class, being rich in all things, and possessing a greatness of heart that passeth understanding, desires to bequeath of their treasure to the members of the oncoming classes. Many of these heirlooms are no longer of any use to the Seniors (or to anyone else for that matter).

Dick Aulenbach, bequeaths to John Settlemyre his old scandals (Dick finally managed to get new pair). Really, John, they are quite useful. While wearing them you can "knock out" torn papers in no time at all.

Harold Bonner, bequeaths to John Martin his aversion to tobacco. John is one of the few boys in the Seminary who can make use of it.

Lewis Everline, bequeaths to Paul Oberkircher his skill in construction of models. Mrs. Everline won't let Lewis use it, and Paul seems inclined that way.

Joe Huntley, bequeaths to Grant Harrity some of his liturgy. Joe may not be needing all of it in Chicago, and Grant can stand a little.

Chuck Limpar, bequeaths to Arthur Papenmeir his skill as a barber. "Pappy" can then cut his own hair and avoid being scalped as he once was.

Joseph Miller, bequeaths to Ed Taylor his Studebaker. Ed has had enough auto troubles for one man.

Beatrice Weaver, bequeaths to Elden Spangler her capacity for getting to class on time. Now Elden will only be fifteen minutes late.

Clayton Moyer, bequeaths to Dick Johnson his dramatic ability. Dick is a little quiet.

George MacNeal, bequeaths to Dick Abernethy his administrative ability as custodian of the dormitory. "Lay up or out you go !" "Your life or your sheet !"

Charles Price, bequeaths to Earl Marks his marvelous vocabulary. You'll be a "grate" preacher now, Earl.

Jim Mort, bequeaths to Ed Tallis his car troubles. Ed is so accustomed to them that he won't object.

Marion Smith, bequeaths to Joe Hammond his interest in agriculture. Marion Smith has enough for two men anyway.

John Zinn, bequeaths to Richard Goodling his pulpit gestures. Your worries are over now, Dick !

With such an inheritance, we the Seniors, are certain that the members of the oncoming classes will be great preachers

Marion E. Smith

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"Yes, Mr. Ringer, but ... !"

Many times one intends to sit down and write about something he considers important, but most of us are in the habit of putting it off until a crisis forces action. I have long intended writing an article on this subject, but now the time has come. Perhaps this might be entitled, "A Rose by Any Other Name".

In the last Seminarian, Mr. Ringer made a very constructive suggestion that the Seminary should put up a sign board with the name of this institution upon it. In lieu of this, may I ask, "Which name ?" Have you ever looked at the addresses on the many letters that come to the dormitory each day ? They certainly are varied. In

almost any mail we can find so many different addresses that the situation becomes ludicrous - "The Seminary," "The Theological Seminary," "T and M Seminary," "The Lancaster Seminary," "The Reformed Seminary," (doesn't this sound like a penal institution ?), "Evangelical and Reformed Seminary," "Eastern Seminary," etc., etc., etc. I even found one addressed to the "Lancaster Reformed Baptist Seminary". Newspaper articles have a variety of names for our school. The Evangelical and Reformed Year Book dignifies it by placing "T.S." after the names of the graduates. I wonder if they realize the modern significance of these letters !

Whose fault is this ? I think it is safe to say that it is chiefly our own. For the most part, others get the names of our school from our letters and conversations. We might beil this down to saying that we ourselves don't have a title for it; now can we expect others to use one name ? Of course, we have an official title - "The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Lancaster" - but who wants to use that long cognomen ? Other schools have similarly long titles, but they have managed to find more workable ones for popular usage.

"Yes, Mr. Ringer, but ... !" (con't)

Not far from us is The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gettysburg and yet almost everyone knows it as "Gettysburg Seminary". Can we not simply call ourselves the "Lancaster Seminary", and then persuade others to use that name ?

I'm tired of explaining that our church really does have more than one Seminary that our school is not a part of Franklin and Marshall College, that I do not go to the "Lancaster School of the Bible". These and many more misconceptions are often heard. Has this ever happened to you ? Are you willing to help give our school one name ? Well then, let's do something about it ! It's up to you !

Richard H. Aulenbach

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"As I see It ..."

- Francis E. Ringer

Mr. Aulenbach has a decidedly good argument concerning the name of this institution and the address which should be used in correspondence. However, I should prefer to insert one more word into the name proposed by Mr. Aulenbach, making it "The Lancaster Theological Seminary". Furthermore, if our dormitory is really Richards Hall, let's call it that.

Now that the question of a uniformly accepted name for addressing correspondence has brought us close to the actual distribution of incoming mail, I should like to air my views about our mail boxes. I do not know what plans the contractor has and perhaps I am about to waste my energy completely, but I should certainly like to see destruction wrought upon that monstrosity of cabinet making which graces the south end of the first floor hallway. All that is needed is four boxes ( one for each floor and one for the administration building) and either a shelf or a large box for parcels. If this has not already been considered, I recommend the proposal to the administration.

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As I see it, the coming year promises to be a great one for the Seminary family. There will be so many new experiences that we shall all feel we are in a school different from the one we have been attending this year. Not least among the awaiting experiences is that promised by the renovation of the dormitory. Perhaps we shall experience daily living in surroundings of greater cleanliness and beauty - I hope !

A second experience lying ahead for us is that life with women in our midst. The third floor apartments are being filled with more ease than many of us anticipated. Let's hope we shall never be sorry that we decided to catch up with the 20th century !

Another experience toward which the students are hopefully looking is that of studying under a three term system. The almost hopeless predicament of trying to juggle nine or ten courses (and more) at one time without letting some fall by the wayside promises to resolve itself at last. I for one look forward to profiting greatly by concentrated study in a few courses at a time, and I am sure that I do not stand alone. Many thanks go to the faculty and particularly Dr. Mevin C. Harner.

All we need now is room service and private telephones in every room !

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There is an old adage that goes something like this: "If the shoe fits put it on." A modern version devised for the women by some contemporary wit has changed the adage to this "If the shoe fits, get a size smaller." It would be going to far to liken the Seminararians to bustling hordes of women shoppers in a bargain basement but I fear the modern twist of the old adage is applicable to us in many



ways. Throughout the year many suggestions have been made for improving the habits and the conduct of fetal-preachers. No one expects complete overnight revision along the recommend lines, but it certainly should not be asking too much of a theological student to seriously consider suggestions rather than to set up a great cry of resentment because a shaft of wisdom has struck quite close to him. We love to fit shoes on our brethren out of the greatness of our Christian charity - but if a shoe fits us, we seek a size smaller. Shoes on the other fellow - that's a grand idea ! Shoes on me ! - since when do you have the right to go around telling other people about their faults ? ! After all, we can buy beautiful pair of preacher shoes on graduation day - until that time our pit shoes will serve quite well enough.

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#### SEMINARY NEWS

At the monthly meeting of the Society of Inquiry, a revised constitution was unanimously adopted to take effect immediately. Two major changes were made that the society's functions may correspond more adequately with the Seminary's term system. Officers will hold office for an entire school year, being elected at the last meeting of the year previous to the one during which they will serve. In order to relieve the president from undue responsibility, the vice-president will appoint standing committees. These committees will be appointed to terms of four months, being appointed in September and again in February. The lone exception will be the Seminarian Committee, which will hold office for the duration of the school year. The editor of the Seminarian will be appointed annually by the vice-president.

Newly elected officers of the Society of Inquiry to serve throughout the coming school year are :-

President	Paul Oberkirkor
Vice-President	Grant Harrity
Secretary	Edouard Taylor

To these officers The Seminarians extends its best wishes for a successful year.

Juniors are reminded of the tradition of their class to serve at the Commencement Dinner on May the 12th. If you find it necessary to obtain a substitute the usual fee paid is one dollar.

Students who must leave behind during the summer items as books, tables, chairs, etc., will be able to store them in the basement of the administration building. Please leave nothing in the dormitory.

The annual Seminary Picnic will be held tomorrow at Long's Park, beginning at 2:00pm. All members of the student body and faculty are cordially invited to attend. The main feature of the afternoon will be a softball game between the Senior-Middlers and the Juniors. Although the game will probably be close, the upperclassmen are expected to win by a decisive score.

The Seminary Choir will present three more concerts before the end of the school year. On Thursday night, April 29th they will travel to Quarryville. Thursday, May 6th, a concert will be given at Hedden. The final concert will be presented in Santee Chapel on Sunday afternoon, May 9th, as a part of graduation week ceremonies.

The softball team of the Seminary has been participating in the college intramural league this spring. To date the team has won three games while dropping only one. Seminarians on the team include; Check, Limpar, Hoffman, Paponmeir, Taylor, McCrea, Harrity, Settlemayre, and Abernethy.

Three sets of altar paraments, for the altar, lectern, and pulpit, are to be dedicated to the memory of Gardner Sayres at the Spring Communion Service on Thursday, April 29th. These cloths are the gift of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Nevin Sayres and their daughter, Dorothy.

### The Preacher Today

Taken from a Texas paper: "The preacher has a great time. If his hair is gray, he is old; if he is a young man, he hasn't has experience. If he has ten children, he has too many; if he has none, he isn't setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't, she isn't interested in her husband's work. If a preacher reads from notes, he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he doesn't mix enough with the people; if he is seen around the streets, he ought to be at home getting up a sermon. If he calls on some poor family, he is playing to the grandstand; if he calls at the home of the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, someone could have told him how to do it better."

- The Churchman