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THE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS CHARACTER OF THE STUDENT.

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The chief object for which Theological Seminaries are established, is the furnishing of a complete theological education. The most eminent Professors are secured, and all the needed facilities are afforded, in order that the best theological education may be attained. This is always kept in view by the Professors and students, and the time and labor of both, are earnestly devoted to its attainment.

There is sometimes danger that, in the struggle for high theological scholarship, the development of the moral and spiritual character of the student, may be overlooked. This dare not be. Why?

1. Because intellectual education without heart culture, constitutes an ill-balanced character. The heart has equal demands with the head. We too often see in the same person, an intellectual giant and a moral pigmy. A learned head with a bad heart, is no blessing to any man. It is a curse to the world in which it lives. All systems of education are defective, that only provide for the cultivation of the intellect, whilst they neglect the improvement of the moral and religious disposition.

2. Because a pastor has as much to do with the hearts of his members, as with their minds. If he must instruct their understandings, he must also seek to sanctify their affections. Indeed, all the lessons of instruction must have a practical aim, and must tend to make better those that receive them. The greatest obstacles to a pastor's success, lie not in the heads, so much as in the hearts, of his hearers. If the heart is won for Christ, the head is also gained. Often, the surest road to the head is through the heart. "An evil heart," is the real cause "of unbelief." A pastor who has himself mastered the deep evils of his own heart, is best able to direct others in their conflict with the same evils. Having cherished sound religious affections himself, and known their preciousness by the experience of his own soul, he can judiciously administer to the moral and spiritual necessities of the souls of others. It is sad to be called in as a spiritual adviser of a perplexed soul, with no knowledge of the spiritual counsel which is needed, and with no ability to impart it. A pastor is a "Seelsorger"—a Curé of souls. Not only out of the rich treasures of his well-instructed intellect, but also out of the valuable stores of the spiritual experiences of his own soul, must he be able to feed the flock of God entrusted to him.

NOTES ON COMMENTARIES.

BY REV. R. F. WEIDNER, M. A.

II. The Historical Books of the Old Testament.

1. *Introductory*.—A library of 500 volumes could easily be selected, bearing on the antiquities, biography, ethnology, geography and introduction, of the Bible, but there are *four* works, the possession of any one of which would be a library in itself, and to a certain extent supply the place of at least 350 out of the 500 volumes referred to. These works are:

a) Smith's *Dict. of the Bible* (Amer. ed. in 4 vols. price \$18);

b) Herzog's *Real-Encyclo.* (Second Ed., 8 vols. of 18 publ., price \$4 per volume);

c) Kitto's *Cyclo. of Bibl. Lit.* (Alexander's Ed., in 3 vols., price \$15);

d) McClintock and Strong's *Cyclo. of Bibl., Theo., and Eccl. Lit.* (10 vols., price \$40).

Every topic is treated by specialists, and discussed with satisfactory fullness, and, in general, with exact scholarship. By all means procure *one* of these works, and if possible all, in the order above named.

2. *Commentaries*.—Nothing better can be recommended than *Keil* or *Lange* on the Historical Books as a whole. *Keil* is always good, but his *Joshua* is the best Commentary ever published on that book.

The Commentaries, edited by Lange and Schaff, contain the work of men of very different gifts, and are very unequal, but in the Historical Books of the Old Testament, this series is very strong; especially valuable is the Commentary of *Paulus Cassel* on *Judges* and *Ruth*, and *Bähr*, on *Kings*.

The price of *Keil* (5 vols.) is \$12; of *Lange* (4 vols.) \$16.

For a cheap popular commentary procure the one published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge—price \$1.20; it compares very favorably with the *Speaker's Comm.* (here at its weakest), which sells for \$8 (2 vols.).

On separate books, especially valuable are *Bachman* on *Judges*; *Bertheau* on *Judges*, *Ruth*, *Chronicles*, *Ezra*, *Nehemiah* and *Esther*; and *Thenius*, on the Books of *Samuel* and *Kings*. *Jamieson* is good, so is *Poole* in his *Annotations*.

3. *Miscellaneous*:

Fuller, *Ruth*;

Hackett, *Illustrations of Scripture*;

Hall, *Contemplations*;

Jahn, *Hebrew Commonwealth*;

Krummacher, *Elijah* and *Elisha*;

Lawson, *Lectures on Ruth*;

Layard, *Nineveh* and *Babylon*;

McCrie, *Lectures on Esther*;

Milman, *History of the Jews*;

Rawlinson, *Historical Evidences*, and *Monarchies of the Ancient Eastern World*;

Robinson, *Biblical Researches in Palestine*;

Schrader, *Keilinschriften und das Alte Test.*;

Stanley, *Jewish Church*; and *Sinai and Palestine*;

Tristram, *The Land of Israel*;

Thomson, *The Land and the Book*.

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—The INDICATOR'S most hearty thanks are due to Dr. Greenwald. Just after his prostration on a bed of sickness, just before the celebration of his fiftieth anniversary, he did not fling us into the waste basket, but considered it worth his while to whisper the necessity of—something, into the student's ear. We expect him before very long to tell how the necessity may best be met.

—Our first article, next month, will be from the pen of Rev. M. H. Richards, A. M., Professor of English Literature in Muhlenberg College.

—In the December No., we expect a contribution from Prof. R. E. Thompson, Ph.D., Dean of the Wharton School of Political Economy, and Librarian of the University of Penna.

—The trial has been made; the worry and work incident to getting out the first No. of the INDICATOR is over. They have been folded, pasted, and directed to persons all over the country, whom we thought likely to favor and assist our enterprise. We have waited, trembling 'twixt fear and hope, for the coming of answers to our big and little slips. And they have come: from far and near, from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Minnesota, we have kind letters approving our enterprise, and enclosures emphasizing that approval. These letters say the INDICATOR is needed and wanted. And we say it is. The INDICATOR is to live. But that is not all,—we want it to flourish. We want it to be strong, that it may do its work well; to grow bigger, that it may do it better. The food to make it strong is the contents of these letters. True, present wants are supplied; but a surplus won't spoil, and our strong box, that thieves don't get into, will hold more.

We mail this number to many from whom the specimen copy has called forth no answer. We are very social in our habits, and dislike very much to neglect any of our friends; but we detest the idea of being an unwelcome guest, and, besides, we cannot afford the traveling expenses, one cent for every sample. We dare use a mileage book—second class rates—whenever we go to see our regular subscribers,

and then it costs us but a few cents for every hundred visits. Please, then, drop us a postal that we may know whether we shall call again.

—*Mullum in Parvo* was what we thought when we adopted our present size and form. But the matter accumulating on our hands, we cannot begin to crowd into the "Parvum." Many of our departments you have never seen, and never will—unless we are able to double the number of pages. If, therefore, proper financial support comes in within the next few weeks, the INDICATOR shall begin the New Year as an eight-page sheet. If every friend secures one or two subscriptions for us, the result will not be doubtful.

—Owing to our crowded columns, our leading editorial on "The What and How" has been stowed away until next month. Meanwhile the many kind suggestions sent are being digested and acted upon. Keep on sending them.

—Next month, look for your initials and residence, if you have sent us any money.

—Please send fractions of a dollar in one or three cent stamps.

"THE FATHER HEYER MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

BY REV. G. C. F. HAAS, A. M.

Do you know what it is, or rather, what it was meant to be? If not, it is worth your while to look into its history.

Early in the spring of 1880, the intelligence that a then student of the Seminary would go as missionary to India, called the attention of some of his fellow-students with peculiar force to the missionary work of the church, and aroused in them a lively interest in this work and a better appreciation of its importance and the necessity of fostering and furthering a missionary spirit throughout the church. With these convictions they began to act. Wisely and well they began at home, organizing a society among themselves, and adopting a constitution, the preamble of which embodies most clearly the considerations that led them on to this step. One of these is, that "It is the duty of those who desire the office of a bishop * * * not only to cultivate and promote in their own minds and hearts an intelligent and devoted interest to the cause of Missions, but also to seek as far, and in such ways, as may be consistent with their position to arouse and foster that interest in others." Another states that "A theological seminary is eminently the proper place for the cultivation of such a spirit and activity, inasmuch as it is the nursery of future pastors of the church, and inasmuch as what is deeply impressed and claims their intelligent interest during their time of preparation will be more likely to appeal strongly to them when in active discharge of their office, and will not only enable, but also impel them to devote their energies to the proper maintenance and strengthening of missionary activity and interest throughout our whole church."

Since the foundation of the society nearly two years have elapsed, but what was then proposed has been but imperfectly realized. What is the cause? Is not the subject one of intense interest to every student of theology and candidate for the holy ministry? Moreover, what students have more incentives to activity in mission work than those of *our* seminary? One of her sons is now on "India's coral strand," and one of India's sons is now within her walls—yea, the sainted father whose name the society bears, spent the evening of his life within those walls, and was taken from there to his last resting-place. Is there need of more and more peculiar incentive? "Let us then be up and doing."

The first thing to be done is to get *information*. Look up the constitution of the society. There is a provision for a Foreign Mission Committee, and a Home Mission Committee, whose duty it is to obtain and present to the society such information as is within their respective scope and reach. There is a clause making it the duty of the Board of Managers to see that the several members do their share to contribute information. Let the Board consider well the responsibility resting on them: on their activity and faithfulness the success of the society in great degree depends. Let the library be freely used. Follow up the history of particular "stations," as given in different "Missionsblätter." Go back and derive inspiration from the heroic labors of Columba and Ansgar and Boniface. Learn from Francis Xavier, Brainerd and others. Above all, do not forget our own church, with Ziegenbalg, Schwarz, Father Heyer and others. Short sketches of the life and work of such men will be highly interesting and instructive. Here is an immense field for the members of the society. Let them search it, and present their treasure-troves in a brief form—brief, lest it be tedious. Then why not call on men outside your ranks, men who have given evidence that their hearts are in this cause. Rev. Frick has given special study to the subject of Scandinavian immigration, a subject of great importance in Home Missions. Mr. Lehman is always ready to speak—and so to speak as to warm one's heart—about the Orphans' Home. Could not these men be prevailed upon to address the society? A slight search will find many more both ready and willing to lend a helping hand.

Thus you will learn to *know* something about the mission work of the church, and if you know about it you cannot help being interested: that was the experience of the founders of the society, and will be yours, if you will try to carry out what they designed. Awake, therefore, shoulders to the wheel, and God speed!

SEMINARY LIBRARY.

TO ALUMNI.—A Library Chronicle has been commenced. You will greatly oblige us by sending any information that concerns the past history of the Library. Those of the Alumni who, in their day and generation, have carried the Librarian's key will doubtless remember the year in which they held office, how many hours per week the Library was open, the most valuable books received, the catalogues made, etc.

LIBRARY HOURS, (published by request): Monday, 9-10; Tuesday, 11-12; Wednesday, 11-12; Thursday, 2-4; Friday, 11-12; 3-4; Saturday, 9-12; 3-4 for visitors. Visitors are welcome at any of the hours.

DR. M. LUTHER'S SÄMMLICHE SCHRIFTEN, edited by Dr. J. G. Walch. Revised stereotype edition, St. Louis, Mo., \$3.50 per vol. Exposition of Genesis. First part, 1880; second part, 1881.

These two volumes embrace the Exposition of Genesis—one of Luther's masterpieces—and three valuable indexes. Presented by a friend of Dr. Krauth. This friend says: "It seems to me to be the crowning work in the German language, of all that have been published in the New World.

. . . . The attention of the Seminary students might well be called to the preface of the American editor, which shows how, a little more than a year ago, a pastoral conference agitated the question, and lo! here is the first volume!" They are the beginning of the seventh complete edition in possession of the Seminary Library: Jena 1560; Jena 1575; Jena 1579; Altenberg 1661; Leipzig 1729; Halle (Walch) 1740; St. Louis 1880. The Jena 1560 has belonged successively to Revs. Kunze, Lochmann, Ruthrauff and Laitzle.

With the courteous consent of Dr. K., we condense his own criticisms: "It is a stupendous undertaking, and the successful completion of it will be one of the most wonderful events in the literary history of theology. Walch's edition is the right one to lay as a foundation. When the defects of its text, etc., have been removed, it will practically form the most desirable of the editions. Of course, the Erlangen edition has its own sphere of critical niceties; but Walch has long been the most quoted, and by its comparative tables it is easy to verify in it a citation from any of the older collections. Walch has no mean claim to be considered the greatest of theological bibliographers. His life of Luther in vol. XXIII is by far the best of his older biographies. His indexes look like the labor of a life-time. The St. Louis edition adds, omits, and changes. Its spelling is conformed to modern usage."

COSMOS, in the Rhymes of a Summer Holiday Journey.

Love not the world.

Deus creat et conservat naturam—causa peccati est voluntas malorum.

Presented by the author. We have been attracted to this beautiful little book, not simply because we were curious to know what are the thoughts of a great philosopher in his hours of recreation, but because it handles a question in which we are intensely interested. We find in it the poet's protest against those who gloomily forbid the human heart to throb with joy at the world our God has made.

BOOKS PRESENTED.—From Mrs. Rachel Boyer, Phila: Die Berlenberg Bibel, 7 vols. folio. From Prof. R. E. Thompson, Ph.D.: Schelling's Philosophie der Offenbarung, 2 vols.; Essai sur Jean Gerson par Charles Schmidt. From Bureau of Education: Public Libraries in the U. S. of A.—Their History, Condition, and Management; Rules for a Dictionary Catalogue; Library Aids; College Libraries as Aids to Instruction; The Construction of Library Buildings: Report of Commission of Education for 1879. Lehre and Wehre for October.

The presence of a pretty little century plant graces our library room. Like the library, the plant is an organism; like the library, it requires continued care; like the library, it requires not much care; like the library, its bud will open into brilliant blossoms many years after the fair hand that cherished it and the future hands into whose custody it may fall, are feeble and altogether powerless in this world.

ITEMS.

Seminary.—Dr. Krauth has been sick.
 —Dr. Spaeth has gone to the General Council.
 —Hancher has returned with a fresh fund of wit.
 —Booher "is coming," but not yet here.
 —MacCready arrived from India just in time to see the Mercury fall 40°.
 —Mr. Dent is quite successful in securing subscribers for the *Indicator*.
 —Does any one know of a second hand Bengel's Gnomon for sale?
 —Of the Alumni Gerhard, Walter, Zweizig, Reiter, Heilman, Haas and Smith have visited the Seminary this month.
 —The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors have determined to abolish the boarding department and put the janitor on a salary.
 —The preparation of a new catalogue has also been authorized.
 —The students have requested the publication of sermon delivered by Dr. Seiss on the day of the funeral of Garfield. The sermon has been published by the Lutheran Book-store. The library is ready to receive a copy.
 —We have had our pictures taken. The Seminary has had its picture taken too. Price 25 cts.
 —Good for the Seniors and Juniors! Each has started a Quiz independently,—two hours a week. The former shoot each other with questions from Hutter; the latter find their ammunition in Church History and other branches.
 —The Pilger Buchhandlung has presented each of the students with the first number of Herzog & Plitt's Encyclopædia. One student asks, Could not somebody else present the other numbers to make the work complete?
 —Photos. of Rev. Artman and wife can be had for 50 cts. each from Haupt, 212 Franklin. The money goes to Foreign missions.
 —Principal Dawson, whose lectures elicited such an interest last year, will write an article on The Antiquity of Man, and the Origin of Species in the Nov. No. of the Princeton Review. In the same No. G. P. Fisher, LL. D., will write on Historical Proofs of Christianity.
 —All friends of the Seminary are invited to be present at our Reformation services in Dr. Spaeth's Church, on the evening of Oct. 31. Messrs. Rehrig and Manz have been chosen as liturgists. The 46th Ps. will be intoned and "Ein Feste Burg" sung alternately by the Choir and the congregation—the former singing the beautiful composition of Joh. Eccard (1597). No hymn books will be needed, as printed programmes have been prepared.
 —The first meeting of the Father Heyer Missionary Society, during the present Seminary year, was held in the chapel on the evening of Oct. 17. After devotional exercises, Messrs. Angstadt, Beates Jr., Binder, Gardner, Haupt, Landell, MacCready, Mahn, McCreery, Miller, Sandt Jr., Seaman Jr., Schaeffer, Uhrich, and Wisser were elected members. The Board of Managers announced the following committees for the year. Foreign Mission Committee Voigt, Shanor, and MacCready. Home Mission Committee Seaman C. S., Dietrich,

and Beates J. F. Committee on Press Reports Schmauk, Bernd and Mahn.

The subject selected by the managers, "How can we arouse and sustain a missionary spirit among our congregations?" was discussed by Messrs. Seaman C. S., Voigt, Binder, and Shanor. For the substance of their remarks see *Lutheran*.

—Just as we go to press we have received the sad news that Missionary Carlson is insane. Cause, overwork.

Mohlenberg.—Stoves in operation all around. Seniors and Juniors are busy on dissertations upon American Literature.

A new recreation—ringing Adam's bell and running up stairs!

Marcus C. Kline Esq. of '74 was married to Miss Clara Keller, Oct. 4th, in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church—stylish! Marcus has built himself a house up Hamilton St.

Monday, Oct. 24, the Senior class will start out for a week's scientific cruise, under the direction of Prof. Smith. They leave at 6 A. M. for Reading, go thence to Lebanon, then to Harrisburg, to Lancaster, arriving Friday evening in Philadelphia. This is the first attempt in this direction, and we hope it will prove a success. The arrangements have been made quite economically.

The Allentown, or, rather, Lehigh Co. Fair is past and one more of the holidays granted by the Trustees with it. As usual the fair was more people than anything else.

The County Teachers' Institute meets Oct. 31st. Profs. Garber, Richards, and Horne lecture before its learned membership. Wonder whether the usual noise in the back pews will be as loud as heretofore. It is so agreeable for the speakers.

There is a revival of Athletics going on, which may aid in filling up the Gymnasium, and obtaining proper machinery for it.

Thiel.—Prof. Gilbert is attending the General Council. Pres't Roth, on account of illness, did not go. He is at present rusticated in Butler county. It would be advisable for game to migrate.

—The remaining Professors with the Tutors are burdened with the additional work of the absentees.

—Biblical Recitation has been changed from 4 P. M. to 8 A. M. on Sunday. The change is acceptable to the students.

—Oct. 19th was matriculation day. Thirteen pledged their "truth and honor." Whilst they were pledging "obedience," Prof. McKee made a telling little speech on "Character; and how College Life tests the Student, physically, mentally and morally." This speech was supplemented by remarks by Pres't. Roth on "Waste of Time."

Reformation Day and Luther's Birth-day will be appropriately observed. P.

Augustana.—Prof. Eyster lectured before the Phrenokosmian Society on the "Life and Memory of James A. Garfield."

All lights are to be out at 10 P. M. "This measure is deemed essential to the health and well being of the students." Some of them don't think so.

On account of the work going on within the grounds and college buildings, the annual Reformation festival will not be celebrated this year.

The Oratorio Society will organize in the chapel on the evening of the 27th.