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MT. AIRY - 62 YEARS AGO

Almost 62 years ago the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia moved from its location at 212-214 Franklin St. to the present location in Germantown. At this time a special issue of the Indicator, a Seminary publication, was printed. In this issue was an article written by the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk which gave the impressions of an alumnus and compared the new buildings and grounds to those at the downtown location. In order that seminarians of 1962 may compare their feelings with those which were prevalent in the last century we here reproduce a portion of that article.

"The Seminary is transplanted. It has been dug out of the old flower pot..It has been imbedded in a broad field. The whole church is gazing at the sapling, and tries to picture to herself its future of ample and magnificent growth.

"At last we have such a church centre as befits the dignity of the old mother Ministerium of the Lutheran Church in America.

"The old seminary was, -in more respects than one, -the student's Purgatory. Our new seminary is the student's Paradise. If the old seemed so close to hell as to have been encompassed in both bodily and spiritual health with its fires and gases, the other appears to be so close to the blue of heaven as to exalt the spirit and uplift the body to the highest ranges of possible life. "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion".

"To spend three years of youth in this elevated and beautiful park of over five acres, is an ideal privilege. I know that there are those who would prefer Purgatory to Paradise. Not speaking of the midnight glitter along Eighth, Ninth, Race and Vine streets, and the alluring haunts of the kings

and queens of the demi-monde, nor of the cranky men of leisure who take their perennial vacation in Franklin Square, nor of the boarding houses that lend social tone and dignified respectability to that whole neighborhood, nor of the gay promenades and fashion windows and illustrated-news stands and baseball scores and multitudinous sights along Chestnut Street; the old location still gave "easy access" to all the advantages of bookstores, "libraries, lectures, collections of art, and diverse churches and preachers of the city." Do all the advantages of an "easy access" to these attractions balance the miseries of a Student's Purgatory - burning heat, bitter, frosty chills, foul air, dingy rooms, clouds of dust, intolerable clatter of coal-wagons, horses' hoofs, rumbling cars, drowning the voice, distracting the thoughts, and working-up the nervous system? No, it is wiser to woo wisdom in her own ideal home on Mt. Airy.

"What contemplative repose rests over the new Seminary Park. In the early morning on the sun-lit piazzas, at noon-day under the lofty waving pines or beneath the towering forest trees, in the evening by the shrubery or below the hedge, or at sundown as the student nestles in the deep silence of an upper alcove of the library in soul companionship with the spirits of the dead, the mind cannot but lift itself to thought.

"Then what cheerfulness and happiness are to be found here! —the imposing magnificence of the main mansion, the large, light and airy lecture rooms, the thought of the evening song on the shady verandas about the hollow court where the perpetual murmur, splash and play of the upspringing jets from a central fountain glad en the heart and (continued page 2, column 2 .)

UNITY

WE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED !

No, not to a duel behind the Chapel at six, but rather to a basketball game to be held Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. In a challenge received by the Department of Athletics and/or friends, the entire student body has been invited to attend the game to be held at the Baldwin School on Montgomery Avenue. An official has been provided by the loyal opposition, and we are to play according to their rules (who sez the game isn't fixed?) The challenger asserted that "this ought to demonstrate our Christian sportsmanship."

Coach Reitz, in a recent interview with PRT, stated that his men were "ready" for the game and were looking forward to another victory for the Angels.

Oh yes, the challengers? The Lankenau Hospital Student Nurses.

Discount tickets (seminarian discount) are available in the main offices of the Seminarian, Dick Zimmerman, Editor.

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I WONDER WHY

My daddy thinks it's nice for me to go to Sunday School  
To hear the helpful lessons and to learn the Golden Rule;  
And if some Sunday morning something else I'd like to do,  
My Dad looks very stern and says, "I'm surprised at you."

So I dress up very neatly and I travel off alone,  
While Dad hunts up his paper and decides to stay at home.  
Now I've wondered and wondered, yet, time and time again  
Why Sunday School is so good for boys (and girls), and not for grown-up men.  
(Phil Sheridan)

NEXT WEEK: The Pastor's Reading, Part II: In the Systematic Discipline. Any comments from seminarians on this series -- either questions on material printed, or suggestions for future articles -- are welcome in the Seminarian office.

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We are fortunate as Lutherans to be able to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with a bit of good news. The Board of Parish Education of the ULCA announced last week that publication of a book citing the differences between Roman Catholicism and Lutheranism was cancelled in the interest of fostering understanding between the two groups.

The book had been projected back in 1956 and had been in the hands of its author and two editors since then, undergoing many revisions. Dr. Getz of the Board's editorial division said that although there was call for such a publication when the project was initiated, the trend was now toward conversations and mutual understanding.

To applaud this action is not to endorse an "ignorance is bliss" attitude; there are differences and books can still be written about them. Eventually we all have to face these differences. The action of the Board is, rather, a good example of consideration and Christian love, without which ecumenicity is doomed. By refraining from even the most justifiable addition of coals to the fire we are increasing the possibility for an unprejudiced meeting of minds and for the atmosphere of friendliness.

We gladly note too that this decision was the unanimous vote of the 21-member Board. If we all began to act with the consideration that this decision indicates, the road would soon be cleared for God's gift of Church unity.

----- George Weckman -----

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fill the hours with an undertone of pleasing music,---the daily life with a chosen companion in a pair of roomy and elegant parlors, furnished in oak, with polished floor overlaid with Kensington artsquares, the hall and stairways almost private, the luxury of steam-heat and a daily bath in porcelain-lined tubs, the perfect rest at night on mattresses of felt, the constant presence of a confidential house-father and adviser - all these things will be tempting enough to cause many of us alumni to feel like beginning Seminary life over. The appointments are palatial. 'Consider ye her palaces.'

## REACHING OUT - HOW FAR?

Last week it was our contention that as future pastors of the Church, we must always keep our sights on her total mission, which includes both home and foreign missions. We said further that the purpose of the Heyer Commission is to foster our interest in these areas.

This year, the Epiphany Appeal and the Heyer Commission reach out to South America. The appeal of the latter is focused upon the colony of British Guiana on the northern coast where the United Lutheran Church maintains a vigorous and ever-expanding work in the "land of many waters" and the "land of six peoples".

The Lutheran Church in British Guiana became indigenous under national leadership in 1943. With headquarters located at the Lutheran Courts in the second largest city of New Amsterdam, the church in "B.G." has grown as rapidly as native fields of sugar cane. As a result its growing pains have become severe within the last decade - so severe that some drastic measure or crash program had to be adopted to relieve the situation.

In 1953, the tenth anniversary of its founding, the Guianese church began to think in terms of expanding its native ministry. At that time there were only two ordained native pastors, five missionary families, and two single women missionaries in charge of all the congregations, preaching points, Sunday Schools, and Bible classes extending roughly 130 miles along the coast and 150 miles up the Berbice River. The vineyard was truly great and ripe to be harvested, but the laborers were few. The following year a training program was introduced whereby qualified young men would receive their college education at the Inter-American University at San German, Puerto Rico, and their seminary training at the Lutheran Seminary in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Last year, five men returned to their homeland where they were ordained in an impressive service in the beautiful new Calvary Lutheran Church, Georgetown (the capitol.) The

Church in B.G. had good reason to rejoice! Three more seminary graduates will return to increase the staff this year, bringing the total of native pastors to ten.

In a small but substantial way we are privileged to help in this program of training Guianese pastors. The Heyer Commission Appeal will contribute to the support of this program in general and, in particular, to the support of the three men to be graduated from Waterloo Seminary this year. They are James Dookran, Victor Munro, and Richard Smith. It is coincidental that the writer became personally acquainted with the first two men while in British Guiana from 1946-1950. Little did I know at that time I would be mentioning their names in this connection or that we were headed for the ministry - to be graduated in the same year!

As you have read the announcement of the opening of the Heyer Appeal on January 30th, it is hoped that the student body and faculty of this seminary will respond with enthusiasm. The appeal will continue through the month of February, closing with a special program featuring the Rev. Arthur Henne, Mt. Airy alumnus and missionary on furlough from British Guiana, as speaker. A special display on B.G. will be arranged in the library rotunda. Look for it in the near future.

This is the field. These are the men. The appeal awaits our generous and considered response.

John Hayner

## CAPITAL UNIVERSITY CHOIR TO SING

The famed Capital University Chapel Choir of Bexley, Ohio will present a concert of sacred music on Monday, January 29th at 8 P.M. in Messiah Lutheran Church, 4400 North Broad St., Philadelphia.

The choir has appeared before audiences in the Hippodrome Theatre and Carnegie Hall, New York; in the Civic Opera House, Chicago; in Minneapolis, Dallas, Los Angeles, and in the United States and Canada. Called "Magnificent" by the modern composer Stravinsky, the choir is featured on Columbia records.

## COMMITTEE TO STUDY SEMINARY PROGRAM

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees last week initial plans were made for a comprehensive study of the "total program of the Seminary." According to the action taken a committee of fifteen is to be appointed by Dr. Harold S. Miller, chairman of the Board. The committee will be composed of four members each from the following groups: faculty, the Board, the alumni, and the Church-at-large.

This study is necessitated by two factors. First, if the Church approves the Seminary will enter upon a development drive in connection with the anniversary year of 1964. In order to ascertain the goals to be set forth in this drive a study of this type is necessary. Secondly, under the synodical alignment of the new Lutheran Church in America, Mt. Airy Seminary will be supported by approximately one million Lutherans. Among these will be the members of the non-geographical Slovak Zion Synod. Changes will be necessary here also.

This study program is an answer to the collapse of merger negotiations with Gettysburg Seminary. The program could not be entered upon while merger was still a possibility. In the next issue of The Seminary Bulletin there will appear an article by Dr. Bagger explaining the reasons for the failure of the merger.

## LCA TO BE SIXTH LARGEST PROTESTANT BODY IN US

According to a recent release of the Department of Press, Radio, and Television, the Lutheran Church in America will be the sixth largest Protestant body in the United States. Here is how the six largest denominations will rank:

1. Methodist Church.....9, 893, 094
2. Southern Baptist Convention..9,731,591
3. National Baptist Convention..5,000,000
4. Protestant Episcopal.....3, 444, 265
5. United Presbyterian .....3, 259, 011
6. Lutheran Church in America . 3,200,000

The LCA will hold its constituting convention in Detroit June 28 to July 1, 1962. The merger will be the largest in the history of American Lutheranism.

For those who noticed there were several rather significant "loose ends" in last week's Seminarian. In the heat of last-minute compilation, the "Letter to the Editor" section was mistakenly omitted. It appears below. Moreover, it's highly unlikely (alt: unlikely) that we shall misspell that word again! Thank you for your concern.

## Letter to the Editors

The Editors,

In the Editorial of Jan. 10th it was interesting to see the "worship experts" at work again. Quite frankly, one grows weary of hearing the chapel services knocked for the 3,857,345th time, along with the faculty, the student body (that was promised for the following week), and everything else in general. What I think is most distasteful is not what is said but what is not said. In the Editorial, for example, you mention that the study made of chapel services has brought only two real changes. It would seem that what is really meant is that the study was all wrong because it didn't institute daily pre-breakfast communion, restore the "Quire Offices" and in general "raise" the worship activity of the chapel. I for one had been living in an abomination of liturgical poverty and didn't even know that Bach's harmonizations were cut out. O when will we barbarians ever learn!

Please, let's have in the future something a little more in keeping with our work here at the seminary!

Incidentally, since the Editorial was signed rather generally as the "Editors" I thought that I would sign mine also with a bit of mystery.

Pope John 24th to 27th Inclusive

(Ed. "Pope John" is referred to p.1 of the Jan. 10th issue, p.3 of the Jan. 17th issue, and p.2 of this issue for the staff listings. The Editor and Associate Editor are generally regarded as the "Editors." These names are printed in almost every issue. Other student and faculty reactions to the editorials are welcomed.)