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"Please understand me, Jesus, I am not criticizing you personally. I appreciate the social work you try to do and your desire to see men be kinder to each other. It would be wonderful if everybody was like you.

It's the people who follow you that I worry about. How can they understand your vision, what can they know of your personal will? I don't agree with some of your ideas you know, but I understand them and can still be friends with you. But O these poor slo... I mean, poor... You know what I mean; these people really aren't following your program of reform or your new theology, they're following you, your magnetic influence. You haven't persuaded them, you've mesmerized them. You aren't treating them as rational individuals, but like animals, like sheep.

I'll tell you what will happen when you leave: All these acstatic disciples of yours will start doing the same thing - they will join their own personality with whatever they retain of yours, and so on for generations until we have a whole world of slaves, slaves to visions and people beyond their rational self-hood.

Please stop this cancer while it is still in the bud. I know you are totally convinced of what you are doing, but nevertheless you have no right to let others lean on your confidence. If you set the example these others will follow - they will learn to think and live independently of you and therefore they will be stronger, more capable of answering the present world's real problems, more secure.

After all, that is what you want, isn't it, mature, self-sufficient men who are free of the past, free of each other, and free of attachment to you?!

NEWS BRIEFS - The following are excerpts from the releases of the News Bureau of the LCA.

1-29-63: The Conference of Synodical Presidents has offered to make a study of the desirability of licensing lay preachers. Such a study was provided for by action of the LCA constituting convention in Detroit in June, when the Church directed its Executive Council "to arrange for a study of the desirability of licensing lay preachers in the Lutheran Church in America, report thereon to be presented to a later convention of the church together with such recommendations as the Council may see fit."

1-25-63: The Rev. Thomas L. Basich, St. Paul, Minn., warned 50 LCA evangelism leaders meeting in Detroit not to confuse evangelism with revival meetings. "The mysterious process by which a man becomes a Christian defies all analysis. It is a form of magic--the presumption of thinking that we can control the Holy Spirit--to announce that a revival shall take place in the church at 8 p.m. next Sunday evening. That is the commotion of man, not the movement of the Spirit." Warning against the equation of man's will with God's, Mr. Basich said: "Christ encounters an individual where He wills to, when He will to. We must point to Christ, but He remains His own advocate. Who can say 'the fullness of time' has come for another man."

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OUTLINE OF CONVERSATION WITH DR. KINSDEN FOOTNOTES

President Heiges of Gettysburg Seminary was here on January 30 by invitation so that he would know what was going on. The meeting was not intended to and did not discuss possibility or reopening merger talks.

Dr. Fry was present on the 30th as a consultant. He voiced some of his ideas about theological education. What was discussed was the matter of seminaries crossing state lines, the possibility of loss of charter, and the propriety of moving to a non-supporting synod.

What happens to Mt. Airy lies squarely in the lap of our own seminary board. Seminaries have a relative autonomy. Dr. Fry and the Administration can only suggest to our board. But these suggestions can be made strongly enough to practically assure their being followed. The Board of Theological Education, Dr. Bergendorff executive secretary, has this power of suggestion and will likely use it as regards 1). Admission requirements; 2) skeletal basic requirements 3) a fourth year. The question of a fourth year was not discussed on January 30.

The board of our seminary came into being in November and besides having many new members who have never served on the board, it is presently undermanned. There are still six men to be nominated by the board of theological education.

The president of our Board here at Mt. Airy has many hopes for the future of our seminary. He hopes that the president of the seminary will be selected by the beginning of the summer so that he may start in September. He wants to begin a financial drive next year in connection with the seminary anniversary. He is looking forward to the completion, some of which are completed, and these will give direction to the seminary so that we will have goals for further progress. Most of all he would pass on to us, the students, his interest in our concern and his well-learned measure of patience.

Charles L. Ziegler

Quotes from Martin Luther:

"We should not ordain young men into the ministry unless they have become well-acquainted with music in the schools."

"A person who does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed and does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs".

"The prophets cultivated no art so much as music in that they attached their theology not to geometry, nor to arithmetic, nor to astronomy, but to music."

"Experience proves that, next to the Word of God, only music deserves being extolled as the mistress and governess of the feelings of the human heart."

"St. Augustine was afflicted with scruples of conscience whenever he discovered that he had derived pleasure from music and had been made happy thereby; he was of the opinion that such joy is unrighteous and sinful. He was a fine, pious man; however, if he were living today, he would hold with us."

"God had his Gospel preached also through the medium of music."

George Weckman

Due to final exams, there will be no issue of THE SEMINARIAN next week.

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Next week Bill Rusch, a recent recipient of a New York Synod Trexler Fellowship, will complete his theological studies at Mt. Airy. Bill entered the seminary in February of 1960, after having earned his MA in Classics from the University of Buffalo. Bill also did his undergraduate work in Classics at UB.

While pursuing his studies here, Bill also worked in Classical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a PHD candidate at Penn, with his work focusing on Coptic studies.

Bill will use his Trexler Fellowship for European study and travel. In September he will attend the Congress of Patristic Studies at Oxford, after which he will enroll in Coptic studies at Mansfield College, Oxford. Of special interest is the use Bill will make of the long vacations between terms. Between the first and second terms he plans a trip to Athens and Rome and between the second and third terms he will visit the University of Louvain, Belgium, the center of Roman Catholic Patristic studies. Upon completion of his studies Bill will return and accept a call.

The next few months will be busy ones for Bill. He will teach Latin in the Buffalo School System until June, while supplying on Sundays. During the summer he said that he "expects to loaf for about a month and then go."

Bill leaves the seminary with sincere regrets. We might reverse this and say that we regret to see Bill go. However, lest we lapse into undue sentimentalism, we certainly do wish God's blessing and favor upon him. Good luck, Bill.

MT. AIRY WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

Mr. Allen Ch'i is another newcomer in our midst. Mr. Ch'i, whose home is in Malaya, will be here for the third quarter. His special interest is dogmatics.

Educated at the Manchurian Christian College, and the Lutheran seminaries at Manchuria and Hong Kong, Mr. Ch'i has served as a missionary in Malaya. He is spending his furlough year in this country. Since September he has been studying at the Biblical Seminary in New York. Upon completion of his studies here in May, Mr. Ch'i will return to serve as a teacher.

Mr. Ch'i is very much impressed with America, "its beauty and the freedom her people enjoy". He feels quite at home here at Mt. Airy. While there are some American foods which he does not like, we hope that he will enjoy our refectory meals.

Mr. Ch'i, incidentally, is married and the proud father of four sons, aged 19, 17 (twins), and 11.

Another student who has recently entered our school is Mr. Matthew Mamuya. Mr. Mamuya was a student at Muhlenberg College for three semesters before coming here for his BD degree. He comes to America from his home in Tanganika, Africa, where he studied at Tabora College and was awarded a LWF scholarship to complete his college and seminary studies in America. His undergraduate work was done in the major fields of Mathematics and Modern History.

Mr. Mamuya will be here for three years, after which he plans to return to Tanganika to serve Christ in institutional work.

Ten years ago, Mr. Mamuya tells us, missionaries from America and Germany came to his town with the Good News. Through them he was converted from his Muslim faith to Jesus Christ. We trust that his years with us will not only equip him for his future work in Africa, but will also stir up in us some missionary spirit and concern.

We welcome both visitors from foreign lands to our fellowship.