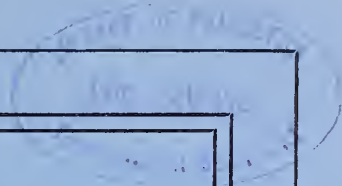


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TOWARDS TOMORROW

The days of our years are three score years and ten. So wrote one of Israel's psalmists many centuries ago.

By the time these pages are read "The days of our years" in Princeton will almost have run their course. For two decades and more life has moved in recurring cycles, each year bearing the same general pattern as the year before. At stated times on the calendar, events have followed one another in regular succession, Seminary openings and closings, Trustees and Faculty meetings, alumni and student gatherings, annual meetings of the General Assembly and of the Council on Theological Education. A few months more and existence will take on a linear pattern. The road will be traversed with eyes intent upon other landmarks, beyond which lies the sunset. As it was in youthful years, so now again, old frontiers, never completely out of vision, allure the traveller.

For some time past unfinished tasks, which were laid aside for a season, have been calling. A former field of missionary concern and study begins to fill the horizon. When life's longest interlude of continuous service, the twenty odd years of joy and privilege spent on this campus, comes finally to an end, the pilgrim will take to the road again with almost boyish hopes and longings. The years that follow will be devoted in a special manner, God willing, to the cause of Protestant Christianity in the Hispanic world. I long especially to help interpret to Spanish and Portuguese speaking people in the Old World and in the New the riches of a lost evangelical tradition which was strong in their spiritual history four hundred years ago and to which they are heirs. An exile will return to beloved haunts of thought and inspiration which he discovered more than forty years ago, and to which he owes more than tongue and pen can tell or life repay.

As the wayfarer and his fellow pilgrim, comrade and inspirer of over two score years, seek the highway once again, it will be for others to appraise what has happened in this beloved place. While glorying in Princeton Seminary's history, and owing to the Princeton tradition an unspeakable debt of gratitude, both as student and as president, I have been dedicated more to the shaping of the Seminary's future than to the study and glorification of its past. Whatever may have been accomplished in these past two decades through God's good Hand and the unflinching devotion of Trustees, Faculty Colleagues, students, alumni, and friends—wounds of controversy healed, bridges built, foundations deepened, horizons widened, frontiers crossed—will prove, I trust, to have been a contribution towards the Seminary of tomorrow.

Tomorrow!—One cannot speak of Tomorrow without thinking of two auspicious events that lie ahead in the immediate future.

One event in this Tomorrow is the commemoration of Princeton Seminary's 150 years of service to Christ and His Church. A committee has been authorized by the Seminary Board, to include Trustees and Faculty members, alumni and representatives of the Church at large, which will be charged with designing a worthy celebration for the sesquicentennial year 1962-63. The occasion will be propitious for a great new advance in the Seminary's history, when all who love this theological Zion, this nursery of pastors and teachers, this home of Christian crusaders, will strengthen her bulwarks and enlarge her borders to match the momentous era that is opening in the Church and in the world.

The other forthcoming event will be the installation of a new president. Dr. James I. McCord, the present Dean of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Austin, Texas, a distinguished young theologian in the Reformed tradition, an able administrator, and one well versed in interchurch relationships, will assume presidential responsibility on September 1, 1959. He was appointed to his new office at the October meeting of the Board of Trustees; and his election now awaits the confirmation of the General Assembly of The United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. when it meets in Indianapolis in May. Dr. McCord's election to office a year in advance of his assumption of responsibility has made it possible to consult him with regard to decisions and policies that affect the immediate future of the Seminary. I bespeak for my successor a warm welcome, and every encouragement and support from the worldwide circle of Princeton Seminary's alumni and friends.

And may our Covenant God give us faith to believe that Princeton Seminary's greatest days shall be the days that are yet to come.

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