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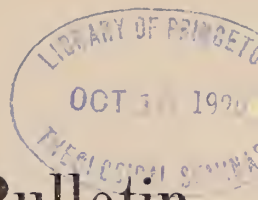
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Under the wise direction of President Stevenson, the opening day of the current year of the Seminary was quite out of the ordinary and full of uplifting interest to all who had the privilege of attending.

According to the President's plan, members of the Seminary Boards, and a large number of representative Alumni who had been duly appointed by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association to cooperate with the Seminary in her plans for larger usefulness, were present. Members of the faculty, friends of the Seminary and a much larger student body than had been expected were also there at the appointed hour to take part in the opening exercises. The Chapel was filled. An account of this meeting is given on pages 2-5.

The joint conference of Board members, Faculty and prominent Alumni appointed to serve in that capacity, carried the interest and inspiration of the Chapel service into the Luncheon Conference held at one o'clock on the same day. This conference was filled with enthusiasm for the plans submitted for discussion. It continued through the afternoon and reached conclusions that will interest every friend of the Seminary. A full report of it may be found on pages 6-14.

For the benefit of the readers of the BULLETIN who could not be with us, we are endeavoring to reproduce the impressions of the day, culminating in the article on the Seminary's Outlook for the future, as effectively as such a thing can be done on the printed page. This edition of the Bulletin is devoted especially to that end, and it is sent out with the prayer that the interest developed at the Seminary will become contagious, as the account of the greater work being planned is read by our friends in all parts of the world.



to be secured, but the plan that has been presented to this committee by Mr. Beatie. A plan approved by us and sent out to our churches as worthy of their confidence and support, will be helpful in securing these funds. I therefore offer the following resolution: "Resolved that we express our hearty approval of the plan for raising the funds needed at Princeton Seminary for additional Endowment and Enlarged Equipment, and that we commend the cause to our people as worthy of their fullest confidence and their most generous support."

The resolution was promptly seconded

and the question was called for. The vote was unanimously in favor of it.

Each speaker in the conference seemed to voice the conscious need of every pastor in appealing for the proposed additions to the funds to be secured.

A prayer by Dr. Alexander brought the conference to a close. We are sure it was helpful to all who were in it, and we hope this account of it, will be helpful to our friends who could not be here and participate in a more personal way.

## THE FUTURE OUTLOOK

By PRESIDENT J. ROSS STEVENSON

The beginning of the one hundred and ninth year of Princeton Seminary's life and service gives great encouragement to the friends of sound theological learning and evangelical religion. Thus far, as indicated elsewhere in the Bulletin, more than eighty new students have been enrolled. The Junior Class will number fifty men or more. These are practically all college graduates and a large number of them have attained distinction in the war. Our Senior Class on account of the war is necessarily small, but to offset this we have a large number of Graduate Students and the Middle and Junior Classes have come back to the numbers of pre-war times. This gives us a large and strong body of students and to teach them would be an inspiration to any one who is serving the Lord of the harvest.

For several years past the Seminary has been fortunate in having every chair filled so that the students can receive instruction from a corps of professors whose qualifications for theological training are everywhere recognized. Dr. James Moffet of Glasgow a little more than a year ago, speaking of one of our professors, declared "I read everything he writes. He is a recognized authority on the subject."

We have, furthermore, a strong body of men who as Directors and Trustees have committed themselves whole-heartedly to the welfare

of the institution. The devotion of some of these men, coming long distances and at great inconvenience to attend Board meetings, cheerfully meeting any responsibility that is placed upon them, is most gratifying. Meetings of the Alumni, such as we held at the last Commencement, at the meeting of the General Assembly, and more recently here in Princeton in a conference of those who were appointed by the General Alumni Association, betokens deep appreciation of the service which the Seminary has rendered in years gone by and growing interest in plans that are being made for larger expansion. The responses which have already been made to financial appeals indicate that generous Presbyterian givers have full confidence in this "School of the Prophets" and desire for it a larger ministry.

The plans which have been made for larger endowments and better equipment would seem to be formidable if one did not take into account the wide-reaching service of the Seminary and the number of Alumni and friends who may be depended upon for the fullest co-operation. We naturally desire to see our halls full to overflowing with the best candidates for the Christian ministry, just as we wish that sister institutions may have such a strong body as their endowments and equipment qualify them to train. We have good

reason to believe that within a very short time our embarrassment will be to adequately provide for an ever-increasing number of Seminary students. The better equipment which is contemplated in the erection of a dining hall, an apartment home for missionaries and an enlarged library will only meet immediate needs. There will be as a natural concomitant of our growth larger needs still to come, and the increased endowment which will enable us to clear off annual deficits, meet the "high cost of living," and provide the assistance in instruction demanded by a broadening of the curriculum, looks only to what the development of the next few years will require. One who knows the history of the Seminary most intimately and has a broader and more thorough acquaintance with the theological needs of the day than any living man has recently said that Princeton Seminary has reached a stage where it must either stand still or broaden out into a theological university. Interested Alumni in the light of their experience in the pastorate are suggesting many new departments. All that is needed to enable the Seminary to meet the demands of the Church for a thoroughly educated ministry can be provided for if our friends unitedly and prayerfully give us their support in this "time of times." The supreme need of the world today is spiritual leadership and this cannot be provided without a thoroughly trained and well equipped ministry.

### The Library

Since the issue of the May Bulletin the Library has received for the Alumni Alcove the following pamphlets: from Prof. Frederick W. Loetscher, D.D., LL.D., '00, *Fifty Years: the reunion of the Old and New School Presbyterian Churches, 1870-1920*, Phila., 1920; from the Rev. James J. Lucas, D.D., '70, *A Wonderful Prophecy, 1920*, in both Urdu and English, *How the death of Christ differs from the death of Prophets, and Martyrs, Madras, 1919* and *Pandita Ramabai: a wonderful Life, Madras, 1919*; from the Rev. George A. Hutchison, '63, *The Millenium, or Christ*

*victorious, etc.*; from the Rev. Prof. Theodore W. Hunt, L.H.D., '69, *Timely Topics, third series: America's Need of Statesmen, etc.*; from the Rev. William T. Kruse, '81, *Historical Sketch of the Middletown Presbyterian Church of Delaware County, Pa., 1920*, celebrating the 250th anniversary of this church; from the William J. Day, '65, *Life and Ministry of Rev. William J. Day in Wyoming Valley*, and from the Rev. Frank B. Everitt, '90, *History of the Class of 1890, Princeton Seminary, 30th Anniversary, 1890-1920*.

### Faculty Notes

#### THEOLOGICAL DEGREES

An Act was passed by the Legislature of New Jersey on April 20, 1920, granting to Theological Seminaries in the State, the power to confer the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology, the degree of Master of Sacred Theology and the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology upon the completion of the studies required for each degree. Acting under the authority of this Act and pursuant to a license issued by the State Board of Education, Princeton Seminary plans to grant the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology upon graduation, to students possessing the requisite academic training, who complete the regular curriculum of studies; the degree of Master of Sacred Theology, to students possessing the requisite academic and theological training upon the completion of a year of Graduate study; and the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology, to students who do advanced work in theology, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Catalogue.

### The Enrollment

The list of those in the Seminary this session who were not here in 1919-20 are as follows:

#### Graduate Students

Leonard Marion Braam, Pella, Iowa, A.B. Central College (Iowa), 1917; Western Seminary (Michigan), 1920.

John Russell Bucher, Mechanicsburg, Pa,