



Table Talk

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WHAT'S A PASTOR?

What's a Pastor? What's Pastoral Concern? I suppose that there are several sorts of answers to those questions. But what about here at Seminary; do we have them here?

Hundreds of students who have, in one way or another, made their way through this Seminary in the past fourteen years know all about it. There are some of us here now who know very well that we have both a Pastor and pastoral concern at Gettysburg. These concepts are perhaps best personified in one man: Francis E. Reinberger.

Strange. . . .for many that "Doctor" in front of Reinberger comes very hard. "Pastor" comes so much more naturally. Is that significant? I think so. There are scores of students, present and past, who can testify to the ability of our "Seminary Pastor" to be in the right place at the right time. Many things come to mind: the death of a seminarian's wife, marriage problems, growing pains of faith and a whole host of other things.

During the past years, Pastor Reinberger has been one of the greatest influences for good on the lives of seminarians here at Gettysburg. We have been fortunate to have had such a man in our midst. And it's too bad that not all of the students currently here have had the opportunity to come under his subtle and genuinely interested influence.

Pastor Reinberger's resignation signals a great loss to our Seminary community, as well as to the community of Gettysburg, of which he has been an active part. And especially so when those two communities are so separate from one another, more often than not. But most important, we here on "the hill" are losing a valued professor, pastor and friend.

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THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION IS...

...the topic of discussion at the special meeting of the student body this Friday at 12:45 P.M. in the chapel. Dr. Gordon Folkemer, President of our Board of Directors and member of the Joint Board will be on hand to gather student reaction to the Joint Administration and the dual presidency.

You will remember that this topic came up for discussion at the meeting with Dean Stroup last week, as well as in last week's Table Talk.

This is a subject of sufficient importance that we should lend the meeting our fullest support.

...MY FONDEST HOPE...

In a letter addressed to a 9th grade student at Gettysburg Junior High School, General Eisenhower wrote these words:

"...My fondest hope is that the whole world will come to realize that all wars are stupid, futile and do not necessarily settle anything in accordance with justice and right. Once that comes about, you and your children will no longer have to be subjected to the trials and sacrifices of war." (January 28, 1966)

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While we cannot help but feel a certain regret, there is also a whole raft of good wishes and prayers for Pastor Reinberger as he embarks on a new era in his witness: an almost "scandalous love affair" with the Parish Ministry. We wish him God's richest blessings.

F.K.

HYMNS WE LOVE....

STAFF

"The Artificial In-Seminarian", a semi-apocryphal publication from the Philadelphia Seminary, and dated on April 1, 1966, has published the following new wording for "Onward, Christian Soldiers", which we publish without further comment.

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Onward form geschichte, marching as to war,
Wrede, Strauss, & Bultmann going on before.
They with Sitz im Leben, storm the heinous foe!
Forward into battle, see the Gnostics go!
At the sight of Käsemann, Satan's legions cry.
On then, faithful exegetes, whom else can we fry?
Rome's foundations quiver, down with liturgy!
Worship's just an exercise, let us learned be!
Onward form geschichte, marching as to war,
Wrede, Strauss, & Bultmann, going on before.

ON GRATITUDE

"Through the years I have come to feel that gratitude is one of the greatest of all human qualities. So few of us manage the follow-through to express gratitude, even when we feel it."

-- Catherine Marshall

COMING ATTRACTION

Next week Table Talk will print an interesting poem written by one of our students. We could make it a real poetry issue if there are others who have some original verse, light or heavy, to contribute. Just deposit same in the Editor's mailbox.